

**Western Michigan University  
College of Health and Human Services  
International Committee  
January 16, 2009**

Present: Linda Zoeller (Presiding), Richard Long (Recorder), Yvette Hyter, Denise Bowen, Dennis Simpson, Mary Lagerwey, Richard Long, Linda Reeser, Kathi Fuller, Maureen Mickus, Joyce Thompson, Judith Sadler, Richard Long  
 Guests: Steve Malcolm, Anastassia Kaml  
 Absent: Gay Walker, Bill Fenn

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions/ Follow-up/ Outcomes
A. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Linda Zoeller, Chair.	
B. Approval of Agenda		Agenda approved
C. Approval of Minutes	Minutes for November 14, 2008 were reviewed. There are no minutes for a December meeting as that meeting was cancelled.	Approved as circulated.
D. Old Business International Updates		
1. South Africa	Dr. Robert Bensley is not here. Therefore, the discussion was postponed.	Linda Zoeller will contact Dr. Bensley again to reschedule.
2. Slovakia	Judy Sadler is recruiting for the Slovakia study abroad trip May 4 – 19, 2009. Her recruitment sessions are being held on 1/22, 1/28 and 2/09. Five students are in the application process currently. Some activities are tentatively planned (e.g. visit to disabled adult home, women’s shelter). This will be a 3 – cr hr course under a special topics number, listed for both undergrad and grad. Salary is covered by student fees and Dr. Sadler is compensated at the ATIS rate. Financial aid is available to students for this purpose. Cost is \$2,150 plus airfare. Food is not included. The “break-even” point is	

	<p>10 students. AAA group fare for flight will be investigated.</p> <p>There is interest on the part of a public health psychiatrist from Slovakia to come to WMU for a Fulbright. She will submit in Oct. 2009 for the 2010-2011 academic year.</p>	
3. Melbourne, Australia	<p>Linda Zoeller noted that Maureen Mickus and she are pursuing Deakin University, Melbourne. This school may be useful for a semester-long study abroad opportunity for nursing and OT. Our relationship with Deakin University is an exchange program – exchange means that they pay the WMU tuition rate.</p>	
4. Internationalization Activities @ WMU and ACE Lab	<p>Steve Malcolm summarized internationalization activities at WMU. Steve is chair of the WMU International Council. He handed out A&amp;S and CEAS objectives for internationalization. He also mentioned the ACE Internationalization Laboratory. We will first do a report analyzing international activity in the University, and then will do priority-setting. Steve would like all colleges to have a dialog with the International Education Council (WMU-wide, Dr. Hyter is our representative on the ICE from the College). Steve requests that we conduct a review of CHHS International Activity and incorporate this review in the university report. How do students, staff, faculty, and administration view the international program in CHHS? Proportions of faculty involved, proportion of students involved, degree to which internationalization is discussed in classes. There is an effort now to do a student survey of internationalization. Steve also noted that other universities that have been involved in the Internationalization Lab (ACE) provide good models for what has been done in internationalization.</p> <p>Linda Z – we have reviewed Ireland and Mexico in previous</p>	

	<p>meetings; discussed strengths and weaknesses of these programs. Yvette pointed out that the survey conducted several years ago on college internationalization has some of this information. There also may be information in the minutes of our International committee that may be helpful.</p> <p>Mary Lagerwey indicated that the survey of the university community will take place this spring. We are asked by the International Education Council to provide information at the college level regarding our strengths and weaknesses at the College level. There was a lengthy discussion of the way that the college and the IEC can feed information back and forth.</p>	
5. WMU IEC	<p>Yvette Hyter, an IEC representative, gave a report of recent IEC activity. She discussed the upcoming student survey. Dr McCloud indicated a change in staffing in HIGE. Cat Fuller will be taking charge of the Fulbright program within HIGE. Don also asked each College committee to invite Cat to meetings to talk about Fulbright opportunities. There is a need to get information to College faculty about the Fulbright opportunity and what infrastructure is needed to support more Fulbright opportunity by College faculty.</p>	<p>Invite cat Fuller to a future CHHS International meeting. Consider opening that meeting to other CHHS faculty interested in Fulbright opportunities.</p>
6. Web site design	<p>Discussion about better advertising of our international efforts took place. Anastassia Kaml gave some insights into HIGE web site.</p>	<p>Linda Zoeller will ask Patricia Pettinga to establish an international web link on the College homepage, and will facilitate putting information on this weblink (e.g., reports from trips, other opportunities, link to HIGE).</p>
E. New Business		
1. LDSI	<p>Leadership on Diversity, Social Justice and Inclusion [LDSI] Committee, a unit of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, is a</p>	

	subunit of the President's Office: Yvette gave a report. She reminded us of workshops available on diversity and inclusion. There are multi-day workshops the end of January and in April.	
2. Forum in CHHS for Mexico and Ireland "Mini Fair"	There have been two information sessions in the College – Anastasia said traffic was modest. Kathy Fuller and a gentleman from HIGE staffed the table. The idea for the fair is to set up tables staffed by faculty who are currently leading trips. We also need an information table about how to sign up for a study abroad opportunity, and a place where students can express interest in study abroad opportunities that may not have been explored.	Linda Zoeller will discuss with Patricia Pettinga and Jeanine Bartholomew the ideas for organizing a future "mini-fair", with the possibility of refreshments provided.
3. University and CHHS Memberships in Organizations	Mary Lagerwey talked about ASAHP and the resources that may be available there. Suggested we explore support via ASAHP.  We are currently a member of ASAHP; Richard Long is doing a fellowship with them.	Dr. Zoeller will ask Dean Washington about membership in "Networking the Americas Consortium of Nursing and Allied Health (NACNAH), a potential source of financial support for international opportunities for students.
Meeting Adjournment:	The meeting was adjourned at 11 AM.	
Next Meeting:	Next Meeting: February 14, 2009 9:00 AM	Future Agenda items will include: Cat Fuller will be asked to present on the Fulbright opportunities. Another invitation will be extended to Robert Bensley to speak on South Africa Study Abroad trip. Opportunities for scholarships from organizations outside WMU.

Submitted by:

Richard Long / Linda Zoeller