

International Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 9, 2004

Present: Liz Wilson, Chair, Tom Oldfield, Kali Majumdar, John Caserta, Rick Griffin

John Caserta moved & Rick Griffin seconded approval of the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved.

Liz Wilson suggested that the Committee host a reception for “International Scholars,” including those who have taken sabbaticals abroad and for visiting professors. This reception would call attention to these scholars. Each scholar will be asked to speak for approximately 10 minutes about his/her experiences.

Tom Oldfield asked about foreign exchange students. Perhaps, they also could share their experiences. Tom also said that he may be able to fund such a reception. Also, the reception should include Ferris State University students who have participated in both an “in-bound and out-bound” exchange program.

The reception will recognize the following:

- (1) Professors who have participated in appropriate sabbaticals;
- (2) Professors visiting from another country;
- (3) Professors who have participated in the Fulbright Program; and
- (4) Both “in-bound and out-bound” exchange students.

The reception will have to be held during March for this academic year and during the Fall Semester for all succeeding years.

Liz Wilson and Rick Griffin had met and developed new categories for selection of the “International Educator of the Year.” Among the suggestions was that no Committee member can be nominated for the award.

Since a quorum of the Committee was not present, a vote to approve could not be taken. Tom Oldfield suggested that Committee member vote electronically. John Caserta moved that the Committee vote electronically and Kali Majumdar seconded the motion. Liz Wilson is to give nominees a memo concerning the appropriate information needed for selecting the winner of the award. There should be no limit to the number of letters of recommendation for the award. John Caserta suggested that all letters be read. Names of nominees should be sent to Liz Wilson, 120 Johnson Hall.

An ad hoc committee of Liz Wilson, John Caserta, and Rick Griffin was appointed to consider the criteria for evaluating the weight given to criteria for determining the Educator award and the criteria for nominating the International Student of the Year Award.

The next International Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled at 11 am on Thursday, January 20, 2005.

John Caserta moved and Rick Griffin seconded to adjourn