

International Education Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

11:00AM IRC 134

Attendees:

Scott Cohen, Chair
Eric Warner
Piram Prakasam, Ex-officio

Members not in attendance:

Jerry Emerick
Olukemi Fadayomi (Vice Chair)
Marty Lier
Jim Rumpf
Kathryn Wolfer
Roberta Teahen, Ex-officio

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

1. Call to order by Scott Cohen
2. Roll Call by Scott Cohen
(N.B. Many people were absent due to rescheduled Academic Senate meeting.)
3. Minutes from January 9, 2018 were not discussed/approved due to lack of quorum; to be discussed and voted on at next monthly meeting on April 10.
4. 2018 International Educator Award: was selected to be Dr. Christine Vonder Haar
5. Proposal by Eric Warner to create an endowed scholarship for Ferris students for study abroad purposes
 - o As part of the “Ferris Future Scholarship Challenge,” for which we would need to raise at least \$12,500 in 3 ½ years. If successful, the amount raised would be doubled by the University. Interest from this endowment would be used to fund this scholarship.
 - o The name of this scholarship is suggested to be generic/general, not tied to a person’s name; something like Ferris State University Study Abroad Opportunities Scholarship.
 - o Potential partnership between our Committee, the Ferris Fulbrighters Group, the foreign language faculty and/or the Dept. of ELWL, the Office of International Education, current and former Study Abroad leaders and students, Career Services / Michelle Albright, and others?
 - o To be discussed at this Committee’s meeting next month on April 10; if supported, and if supported by the Ferris Fulbrighters Group, could be announced at the annual Fulbright Foreign Lecture on Thursday April 19, 4:30 p.m. in IRC 120.
 - o Potential fundraising dinner in Spring and/or Fall 2018
 - o Discussion of this idea to be continues at next monthly meeting on April 10.
6. Overview by Piram for his requests for consideration of having a conversation with our Committee on how IEC can engage with the Strategic planning process.

Adjournment: 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Dr. Richard Scott Cohen, 03/13/2018