University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 19, 2017
Centennial Hall, Room 3115B

Present: Eric Torres, John Rosenow, Manny Fernández, Shanti Freitas, Cheryl Lochner-Wright, Theresa Kemp, Steve Hill, Kranti Dugar, Colleen Duffy, Jan Larson, Colleen Marchwick, Joseph Howden

Absent: Jason Anderson, Rose-Marie Avin, Linda Carlson, Longzhu Dong, Nancy Hanson-Rasmussen, Karen Havholm, Erik Hendrickson, Paul Kaldjian, Kerry Kincaid, Cheryl Lapp, Ling Liu, David Lonzarich, Heather Pearson, Gretchen Peters, Asha Sen

Handouts: Agenda, Oct. 5 CIGE Minutes, Proposed DEP language, International Partnerships Report, Fox Travel feedback 2016-17, Internationalizing the Tenure Code

1) Eric T. called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.
2) The minutes of October 5, 2017 were approved as distributed.
3) Chair announcements
   a) AAC&U Conference highlights include (see handout for detailed summary):
      i) Keynote speaker, Richard Kiely, Cornell University, shared ideas that align with CIGE discussions. Eric talked about inviting Dr. Kiely to visit UWEC during Spring 2018 to provide professional development on internationalization.
      ii) Students presented posters at the conference. We should consider inviting a student to next year’s conference.
      iii) A program designed to foster connections between domestic and international students.
          • CIE has revived a program that pairs international students with domestic students. CIE will reassess at the end of the year to make improvements and decide on the future of the program.
      iv) A program that facilitates cross country communication and collaboration through a shared curriculum.
          • Colleen mentioned an upcoming conference on collaborative online learning. She will forward COIL information.
   b) Eric T. will meet with Provost Kleine and the Chancellor later this month to discuss the direction of the three CIGE workgroups and how UWEC is identifying global partners.

4) Business
   a) Heather will report on international student recruitment at the November 16th meeting.
   b) CIE and Immersions submitted a strategic initiative proposal that focuses on researching and implementing strategies that increase under-represented students in education abroad. The proposal aims to complete the Diversity Abroad Network’s Access, Inclusion, Diversity & Equity (AIDE) Roadmap to determine where and how improvements can be made. In addition, the group is seeking funding for the cost of the Roadmap assessment from CIGE and other offices on campus, as the strategic initiative funding can only support faculty/staff.
c) Proposed language for DEP’s (see handout): Departments can use this example as a template to include language that values internationalization in their DEP’s. Please include this in department discussions.

d) Faculty/staff professional development possibilities: Dr. Richard Kiely, Cornell University, to provide a 2-hour workshop on internationalization. Let Eric know if you have other ideas for professional development.

e) International Partnerships Workgroup Report (see handout): A sub-group of CIGE met during fall 2014 to assess international partnerships at UWEC. The report outlines criteria that can guide UWEC in establishing and improving international partnerships.

f) Fox Travel feedback for faculty-led programs (see handout): Shanti collected feedback from 2016-17 faculty-led students about their experiences using Fox Travel. Concerning feedback related to price of tickets, long wait times on the phone, and getting different answers from different agents. Eric will check in with Paul to find out where we left off with a similar conversation about travel concerns last year.

5) The group adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Reed