International Education Advisory Council – Fall 2018 Report

International Education Advisory Committee Description:

a. The International Education Advisory Committee shall have oversight of all issues affecting international education at Wright State including but not limited to international programs, collaborations, student services recruiting and admissions. The committee shall have responsibility for the following:

The committee may delegate tasks to three sub-committees, which shall each be chaired by a member of IEAC: the International Student Services Committee, the International Program Collaboration Committee and the International Recruiting and Outreach Committee, which shall make recommendations to the International Education Advisory Committee. The International Education Advisory Committee shall appoint the membership of the sub-committees with the consent of the Faculty Senate.

- Review and recommend policies and practices governing the development, implementation, and modification of international programs to ensure they meet Wright State’s academic standards. Make recommendations regarding the creation and revision of these policies to the Undergraduate or Graduate Policies Committees through the Faculty Senate.

- Evaluate all draft proposals for international program development implementation, and modification to determine they in all cases follow Senate-approved guidelines. Make recommendations based on this review to the Faculty Senate and to relevant Senate committees.

- Periodically review the university’s international agreements and activities to ensure that these agreements and activities meet academic program needs, capacity and strategic planning, and that the university's recruiting efforts reflect strategic planning for international student growth and are coordinated with other recruiting efforts university-wide.

- Periodically review the implementation of admissions policies for international students to ensure that admissions policies are appropriate and are upheld.

- Periodically review academic policies to ensure that they neither advantage nor disadvantage international students relative to Wright State’s domestic students.

b. International Education Advisory Committee membership: One (1) faculty representative from each degree-granting college, including the Lake Campus. The committee chair shall represent his/her college. A senior staff member from the University Center for International Education shall have non-voting membership.
IEAC Roster:

Nancy Bigley  	BSOM
Arnab Shaw  	CECS
John Conteh  	CEHS
Thomas Fenton (Chair)  	COLA
Yi-Hui Lee  	CONH
Mill Miller  	COSM
Burhan Kawosa (Vice Chair)  	RSCOB
Dane Daniel  	LAKE
TBD  	SOPP
Shree Gotteti  	Student Government (Ex-officio/NV)
Bill Holmes  	UCIE (ex-officio / nv)

IEAC Updates

UCIE Operations:

IEAC committee members has been regularly updated on several aspects of UCIE operations including AY 18-19 programming and staffing, budget and investment strategies, investment and recruiting activities, student enrollment trends, sponsored student enrollment data, and several new initiatives related to Education Abroad and the creation of student advisory councils.

Sub-committee Appointments and Priorities:

IEAC voting members nominated delegates to the International Student Services Committee, International Program Collaboration Committee, and International Recruiting and Outreach Committee. The committee discussed both IEAC and sub-committee charges and priorities. Many of the IROC’s priorities were covered in the committee updates. Discussion of ISSC’s priorities included housing, legal services, and health insurance. Carl Brun gave the committee some background on the IPOC’s role in the approval process of MoU addendums.

The committee discussed the executive committee's request for a report on the return on investment for new recruiting partnerships (SannamS4, Turcasolutions). Michelle Streeter-Ferrari gave an update on the status of the partnerships whose contracts are still in the approval process (legal, purchasing, and marketing + agent posting and training). The committee discussed several topics related to evaluating the effectiveness of the partnerships. The committee has referred deliberation to the Recruiting and Outreach Subcommittee.
Graduate Admissions:

A. Graduate admissions policy – proposed changes to paper based TOEFL requirements:

The committee was updated on a proposal to change the admission requirements for paper based TOEFL scores. The test format has recently changed to three sections (Reading, Listening, and Writing) scored out of 30. There are applicants in regions where Wright State is actively marketing that only have access to paper based TOEFL testing (Kurdistan, Azerbaijan). Senior TESOL faculty in the English department’s Language Program Committee have recommended changing to the policy to 20/30 for each section with a total of 60/90, and speaking proficiency, which is not included in the test scoring, will be determined by departments.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the recommended changes. The proposal has been forwarded to the GAPC.

B. Graduate application processing time – report + request for action:

The committee have deliberated on a report and request to analyze the issue of long processing times for international graduate applications and to provide recommended solutions.

Moved to old business for 12/06 meeting.

International Student Services Committee (ISSC) Roster

Pratik Parikh (CECS)

Irena Joseph (COLA)

Vicki Evans (CoNH)

William Romine (COSM)

John Conteh (CEHS)

ISSC 10/16 Meeting Notes

- After the Committee members inquired about the process for getting Wright State promotional material for recruiting purposes during travel abroad, Michelle informed us that the amount of $89,000 has just been made available for travel and promotional material. Faculty can contact UCIE to get promotional material before traveling.

- Michelle explained that contracts with recruiting companies SannamS4 and Turca Solutions are being finalized. Their goal is to increase and diversify our student population. SannamS4 is based in India and will recruit in different regions of India, and Turca Solutions is based in Turkey and will recruit in Turkey, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, North Africa and the Stans.
Michelle also informed the Committee that the E-brochure has been updated and is being finalized by the Marketing office. It includes testimonials by students and alumni. The UCIE website has also been updated. Pratik asked about the possibility of making promotional videos at the department level. This is an opportunity that departments can explore by working with the Marketing office.

Bill asked the Committee if we want to look at the development of a Global Citizenship Certificate. To receive this certificate, students would need to complete some projects, and it has an academic component. Alternatively, the certificate could be similar to the Certificate of Global Merits, currently used in Europe. This certificate doesn’t have a curricular component. Students have a list of options to choose from to complete and keep a journal of their experiences. Evidence of students' work goes into a portfolio which is assessed before the end of the certificate program. Bill will send links with relevant information so that the Committee can continue to explore this possibility.

Bill shared the Calendar of Events for international students. Students receive this information in newsletters sent by email and through the UCIE Facebook page.

There are new processes for immigration. A handout was shared which lists the processes students will need to complete independently online (OPT Workshops, OPT training, etc.). Sunapsis is the new software, which will need another 3-6 months before it’s fully operational.

There is a new scholarship for undergraduate international students. It will start in Fall 2019. There will be 50 scholarships, giving students $2,500 a year for four years. Students must have a 3.25 GPA to be eligible to apply.

UCIE has started tracking the return on recruiting investments. Salesforce software enables the tracking. It was mentioned we received 13 students from Andhra Pradesh this fall. The agreement has been in place only since May of this year.

The meeting concluded with the agreement that we need to promote and sell things that other universities don’t provide and decrease costs for international students where we can.

**International Program Collaboration Committee (IPCC) Roster**

Yan Zhuang (CECS)

Vaughn Shannon (COLA)

Rosemary Eustace (CoNH) - chair

Sahin Ayse (COSM)

Michelle Streeter-Ferrari - UCIE (ex-officio / NV)

Joy Wanderi - UCIE (ex-officio / NV)

Carl Brun - Provost designee (ex-officio / NV)
IPCC 11-16 Meeting Notes

Topic: About IEAC and its sub-committee (T. Fenton)

Old Topic: The Overall charge of the IEAC

Discussion: T. Fenton gave an overview of the IEAC and subcommittees. He shared IEAC ongoing assignments: oversight of the recruitment process and enrollment and revising English test scores. A. Sahin recommended that we put a process in place that will ensure key enrollment data variables are measurable for meaningful use.

Action: T. Fenton will bring forth the raised concerns on enrollment data to the next IEAC meeting.

Old Topic: Committee Charges: Evaluation of MOUs

Discussion: Members discussed about the current MOU review process. R. Eustace shared with the members the existing “International Academic Agreement Process” on the UCIE website. A. Sahin wanted clarification of what the committee can look for (review) besides making sure the MOUs follow the appropriate curricula and non-curricula (e.g. financial, legal) committees and signatories. Y. Zhuang wanted to know if there will be an exemplar MOU to guide the process.

Action: T. Fenton will reach out to C. Brun to discuss the MOU review process issues raised by the committee members and bring forth the concerns and charge to the IEAC members for discussion and recommendations.

New Topic: IEAC and IPCC meeting schedule

Discussion: A. Sahin suggested that we pre-plan committee meetings ahead of time to help facilitate the MOU review process. T. Fenton informed the committee that IEAC meet the 1st and 2nd week of the month and noted the importance of having sub-committees meetings after the IEAC meetings.

Action: T. Fenton will follow-up and share the IEAC meeting schedules for Spring 2019. Next IEAC meeting is Dec 6th

New Topic: Committee Charges: Evaluation of Study aboard Programs

IPCC, agenda and Minutes for October 2018

Discussion: Members discussed about their charge of reviewing study abroad programs.

Members discussed why the study abroad proposal were not reviewed by the committee and instead by the UCIE. Discussions also emerged about what the policy is for admitting nonseeking degree students in study abroad programs (credit hours, assignments, etc).

Action: T. Fenton will bring forth the members’ concerns to the IEAC for discussion and recommendations.

Old Topic: Global Citizen Certificate:
Discussion: R. Eustace and A. Sahin discussed about the Global Citizen certificate initiative. They suggested that this initiative should be shared with their constituents for buy in and input via various channels (faculty assembly, etc).

Action: members need to continue the discussion and share their input at the next IPCC meeting.

International Recruiting and Outreach Committee (IROC) Roster

Caroline Cao (CESC)
Chigon Kim (COLA)
Ann Bowling (CoNH)
Arnab Shaw (CECS)

IROC Update

The IROC is working with the IEAC on a request from the Executive Committee for a report on the return on investment for new recruiting partnerships (SannamS4, Turcasolutions). The IEAC has received regular updates on the progress of the partnerships which were still undergoing the approval process. The IEAC has referred several topics related to evaluating the effectiveness of the partnerships for discussion at the 12/04 IROC meeting.