

International Education Advisory Committee

Minutes (draft)

Friday, 11/22

Attendance:

Nancy Bigley, Arnab Shaw, John Conteh, Thomas Fenton, Michal Kraszpuski, Yi-Hui Lee, John Martin, Dane Daniel, Bill Holmes (UCIE)

Notes

I. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

II. 10/18 minutes were approved

III. Old Business:

International Admissions –

Bill Holmes (UCIE) updated the committee on Fall international student enrollment.

WSU's recruiting partnerships resulted in 61 new students admitted for Fall 2019.

The UCIE plans to report the two partnerships (SannamS4 and Turca Solutions) in Spring 2020 when they have completed their first year or recruiting for WSU.

Discussion was held regarding national recruiting, marketing and enrollment trends and practices. Recruiting partners report that cost is one of the most important factors influencing applicant choices. WSU's recruiting partners continue to directly represent the institution at fairs and international education events, in addition to managing and training recruiting agents.

The committee was also presented with updated data on English language proficiency requirements for international students. The data represented admission standards for NAFSA (National Association of Foreign Student Advisers) Region VI (Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana). WSU's admission standards were seen to be in general alignment with its peer institutions.

IV. New Business:

Faculty-led Recruiting –

The committee discussed the idea of creating a program to incentivize or compensate faculty who could be involved in recruiting students internationally. Some concerns were considered in terms of the legality and ethics of financially compensating faculty for recruiting students, alternatives were discussed and several committee members resolved to continue working towards a plan. The committee also talked about funding faculty internationalization efforts through a UCIE proposed model.

Study/Education Abroad –

The committee discussed efforts to grow opportunities for domestic WSU students to participate in Faculty-led and study abroad experiences. The UCIE is endeavoring to track student progress to quantify the many benefits that students with these experiences enjoy. Historic data is difficult to obtain, but the UCIE is currently using social media and Linked-In to connect with WSU alumni who have participated in Education and Study abroad programs.

MoU Policy Proposal –

The committee deliberated on a proposal to normalize the procedure for adopting, renewing, and terminating MoU proposals and agreements with international partners. The proposed procedure was approved by the committee and will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for consideration

V. The meeting concluded at 3:30pm