

International Education Advisory Council

Minutes - Draft

Friday, 10/09/2020 – [Committee Pilot Page BBCU](#)

Attendance:

Arnab Shaw, John Conteh, Thomas Fenton, Yi-Hui Lee, Wakiuru Wamwara, Dane Daniel, Michal Kraszpulski, Susan George, Terry Oroszi, Michelle Streeter-Ferrari (UCIE), Giancarlo Mariani (UCIE)

Minutes:

- I. Meeting began at 2:00pm
- II. Minutes from the 09.11.2020 meeting were approved
- III. Updates:
 - a. University Center for International Education (UCIE)

Giancarlo Mariani updated the committee on Fall recruitment initiatives. The UCIE has been working with EdUSA and is participating in several virtual recruiting fairs hosted in both regional and global contexts (see attached).

Michelle Streeter-Ferrari updated the committee on WSU's participation in the #YouareWelcomeHere Scholarship, a national program where institutions offer two annual, renewable scholarships that cover 50% tuition to eligible international applicants (see attached).

The UCIE is partnering with the Ohio International Consortium (OIC) in state-wide recruiting efforts, a collaboration which is said to reflect the changing atmosphere in international recruiting.

The UCIE is stressing the need to encourage department and college leadership to support investment in international recruiting.

- IV. Old Business:
 - a. Sub-committee appointments/charges

The committee voted 4-3 in favor of not forming a student services committee and charging it with developing recommendations to support international students affected by the pandemic, and to continue to be involved discussions on student health services and international student health insurance.

The IEAC will deliberate on recommendations to address the hardships international students are facing as a result of the pandemic. The IEAC will also participate in discussions involving international student health services and insurance.

V. New Business:

a. Resolution and Campus Internationalization

The committee began discussions on next steps following the Faculty Senate's approval of the Campus Internationalization Resolution. In particular, how WSU's can articulate an institutional commitment towards comprehensive internationalization, and how a roadmap for implementation could be developed.

The committee discussed existing international student groups, staff and faculty members from international backgrounds, curriculum and programming, and the ongoing need to assess and inform WSU and its community partners about the impact and benefit of international education.

The IEAC will identify and evaluate available resources and metrics to guide first steps in assessing WSU's policies, programs, and initiatives for their global orientation and international connectedness.

VI. Discussion:

a. Proof of English Language Proficiency – Graduate applicants

The committee was briefly updated on a request to consider the provisional acceptance of the IELTS indicator and TOEFL at home for graduate applications. Many graduate applicants to WSU have little or no access to the IELTS or TOEFL as a result of testing center closures.

Senior TESOL faculty will be requested to vet both tests, and the IEAC will proceed on their recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

The next meeting will be held on November 13th 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm and hosted on the [Committee Pilot Page BBCU](#)