

International Education Advisory Council

Minutes - Draft

Friday, 02/05/2021 – [Committee Pilot Page BBCU](#)

Attendance:

Arnab Shaw, John Conteh, Thomas Fenton, Yi-Hui Lee, Dane Daniel, Michal Kraszpuski, Terry Oroszi, Michelle Streeter-Ferrari (UCIE), Joy Wanderi (UCIE), Giancarlo Mariana (UCIE)

Minutes:

- I. Meeting began at 2:00pm
- II. Minutes from the 11.13.2020 meeting were approved
- III. Updates:
 - a. University Center for International Education (UCIE)

Michelle Streeter-Ferrari provided the committee with several updates:

Spring Enrollment – 113 new students arrived for Spring semester. The majority of new students for Fall 2020 were transfer students. This compares favorably with WSU's regional peer institutions (Akron – 40, BGSU – 60, Kent – 87). An uptick in visa issuance (30% - 72% reported in India)) required an intense response to the increase in arriving students and services they require (housing, airport pick-up, class placement for late arrivals).

Recruiting partnerships: SannamS4 continues to operate on the ground in India with two WSU representatives actively recruiting students. The contract with them expires at the end of June and the UCIE will be endeavoring to extend for an additional year. The UCIE is also extending the discount offered to all SACM sponsored students.

Student Services: The UCIE is in the final stages of bidding for a new health insurance provider. Costs for students are expected to be reduced with the new contract comes into effect in Fall 2021.

Travel and Study Abroad: WSU has still suspended all study abroad programming. In the interim, the UCIE is starting to engage with Collaborative On-line International Learning COIL and would like to engage the committee at our next meetings on how to move forward.

IV. Old Business:

a. Resolution and Campus Internationalization

The committee continued discussions on road mapping WSU's plan for comprehensive internationalization (see attached).

V. New Business:

a. Undergraduate Admissions – Review Proof of English Language Proficiency Requirements

The committee briefly reviewed requirements for proof of English Language Proficiency for undergraduate admission, and the provisional metrics that are being accepted as a result of the pandemic.

Giancarlo Mariana updated the committee on recruitment and admissions. The UCIE has been working with EdUSA and concentrating communication with offices in Nepal, India, and Bangladesh where applicant interest seems to be focused. They are also working with OIC in collaborating on a campaign of presentations which focus international prospective students on the benefits of studying in Ohio. The UCIE is also running live events for admitted students including facebook live sessions and interviews with Alumni. These often involve department and faculty participation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.