

Minutes: KU International Affairs Committee

Monday, February 04, 2019 | 2:00 pm | Marvin Hall 206C

Attendees: Kapila Silva (Chair); Virginia Harper Ho (faculty); Seth Brooks (staff); Manuela Gonzales-Bueno (faculty); Charlie Bankart (ex. Officio); Billie Archer (staff); Humberto Salinas (voting student)

Excused: Arianna Chavaria (student)

Absent: Peter Okpokodu (faculty)

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Discussions:

1. Review/Approval of the Minutes of 11/09/2018 meeting
 - Seth motioned to approve and Victoria seconded.
2. Request by Humberto for Jayhawk Impact Video
 - Project around KU, Jayhawk Impact.
 - Students are nominated for it and are recorded for activities they are active in within their day.
 - Humberto was nominated and wondered if someone could come and record part of his involvement with the meeting. It wouldn't include the audio but would include video footage.
 - Committee decided it do it as first thing on February 18th. Humberto will present their charge findings at the meeting.
3. Update on Specific Charges # 1 (Kapila/ Seth)
 - Have had difficulty in obtaining numbers.
 - Received a call from one director but only did not receive specific numbers. She also commented that many institutions have unrealistic goals for international enrolment.
 - Also, the landscape of enrolment is affected by many dynamic factors, e.g. economy of other countries.
 - Kapila and Seth gathered a list of Charlie's counterparts at other universities to contact.
 - o INTO Pathway Program and Study Group gave calls and discussed the current situation of pathway programs. However, they are not willing to share data.
 - o Baylor University sent an email with some information on percentages of international enrollement.
 - o Shorelight partner University of Chicago will send info.
 - o Kapila considered using the information from Ms. Elizabeth Redden from Higher Ed. Chronicle in order to pull information and use it to create a recommendation to give to governance.
 - o Will try to put together this information by March 4th for the committee to review for the report.

4. Discussion on Draft reports for Specific Charges

- Each part of committee working on a charge should send write up for charges 2 and 3 by Thursday, February 14th. Kapila to circulate through the committee.
- Then, the committee will finalize these write ups on February 18th.
- Kapila and Seth to share their part before March 4th.

5. Exploring Standing Charges in Spring 2019

Charge 3

- Charlie can send us what he recently submitted to the Higher Learning Commission. We can focus on it for March 18th meeting.

Charge 1

- Do we need to communicate with the Student Senate?
 - o Humberto to bring up the IAC to the senate at the next meeting with senate.

Graduate Studies Situation Interim Dean, Audrey Lamb

- There is a committee with subcommittees that are exploring various options and considering changing the structure of Graduate Studies.
 - o The committee concerning if it may be best to recommend that next years committee engage with the person comes in as the Dean of Graduate Studies next year if it is still relevant with the structure of Graduate Studies.
- Charlie: A good recommendation for a specific charge would be for the new committee to consider the Global Operations Services unit.
- Charlie voiced concerns:
 - o KU has opened up a Global Operations Services unit that focuses on export controls.
 - o Everyone who has been hired for this office is ex-military. Though while they have good background in analysing risks, none of them have background in connecting with and welcoming international students. Thus, their policies may inadvertently add to an unwelcoming atmosphere.
 - o A potential policy to include student checks as part of the process.

6. Agenda & meeting dates in the spring 2019 semester:

- a. Arianna has scheduling conflicts and is resigning from the committee.
- b. Kapila to communicate with governance.
- c. Anything to discuss with Student Senate will happen on March 18th.
- d. April 8th is the last meeting date when we will finalize the report.

Adjourned at 2:40 pm