

Minutes: KU International Affairs Committee

Friday, September 27, 2019 | 10:00 am | 33 Strong Hall

Attendees: Peter Ukpokodu (chair); Kwangok Song (faculty); Whitney Baker (faculty); Billie Archer (staff); Charlie Bankart (ex. officio); Jessy Ayestas (voting student)

Excused: Virginia Harper Ho (faculty);

Absent: Tamarah Dixon (staff); Humberto Salinas (voting student)

Call to Order at 10:00 am.

Chair opens with introductions & agenda:

- Materials provided regarding the IAC's specific and standing charges
- IAC to provide report to the University Senate on both standing & specific charges at the end of the spring semester

Discussion of Specific Charges:

1. FY2019 Final Report regarding Graduate Studies Admissions Policy
 - The final report is available in the [University Governance website](#).
 - Chair explained that the current policy provides flexibility for language but not for academic criteria, which affects recruitment for several programs on campus.
 - The purpose of the report is to build in exception language into the Graduate Studies Admissions Policy.
 - Chair noted that although the report was completed last year, it has not been shared with Graduate Studies due to the restructuring process the office is currently under.
2. International Student Retention Rates
 - Charlie Bankart provided context regarding international enrollment and elaborated on Shorelight's role at KU.
3. Assessment of the Effectiveness of KUIA Restructure
 - Charlie Bankart provided context regarding the restructure of KUIA units. It was a year-long internal assessment focused on units receiving little support from KU.

Action Items:

- Charlie Bankart will share the new structure via email with the committee.

Allocation of Responsibility. The IAC discussed the creation of subcommittees to allocate responsibility for each one of the specific charges discussed above.

1. FY2019 Final Report regarding Graduate Studies Admissions Policy
 - a. Subcommittee: Kwangok Song and Jessy Ayestas.

Action Items:

- Review the FY2019 final report.
- Meet with Graduate Studies regarding the recommendations to determine if they are feasible.
- Provide an update at the next meeting.

2. International Student Retention Rates

- a. Subcommittee: Billie Archer.

Action Items:

- Request retention data for international students from AIR.
- Request retention data for international students from Shorelight.
- Provide an update at the next meeting.

3. Assessment of the Effectiveness of KUIA Restructure

- a. Subcommittee: Whitney Baker.

Action Items:

- Request an update from KUIA units, focusing on the assessment of the effectiveness of the new structure and responsibilities and on possible further improvements/changes.
- Provide an update at the next meeting.

Scheduling

The Chair proposed and the IAC confirmed that fall semester meetings will be held monthly from 10:00-11:00 am at 33 Strong Hall on the following dates: Oct. 18, Nov. 15, and Dec. 13.

Adjourned at 11:00 am.