

Meeting Minutes
Global Learning Committee (GLC)/Inter-cultural Learning Committee (ICLC)
Tidewater Community College, Norfolk Green Building, 6th Floor
August 29, 2013 commencing at 2:30 p.m.

Attendance

Dr. Gabriela Toletti, Chair 2012-2013
Dr. Fran Jacobson, New Chair 2013-2014
Dr. Jeanne B. Natali
Dean Joseph Fairchild
Matthew Watts
Laura Hanson
Susan James
Paul English
Carol Hodges
Susan de Veer
Kathy Gause
William D. Conner

Welcome

The GLC kicked off its first meeting of the 2013-2014 year with a welcome from James Toscano, TCC Vice President for Institutional Advancement responsible for marketing, government relations, interactive and visual communications, publications, college events and alumni relations. He thanked GLC for all of its accomplishments last year, under the leadership of Dr. Gabriela Toletti, and shared his goals for the upcoming year. He mentioned that GLC is an important TCC governance committee and apologized for omitting its mention at the recent TCC convocation.

GLC Minutes. The minutes of April 22, 2013 were approved by the Committee. The names of Dr. Gabriela Toletti and Laura Hanson were corrected. Dean Fairchild moved to approve, with slight changes, motion carried and approved.

Three charges from Vice President Dr. DeMarte:

Following a big thank you to GLC for its accomplishments, charges were:

1. Rename Global Learning Committee to Inter-cultural Learning Committee; and begin using name change as soon as possible
2. Review GLC charter and ensure its structure includes a broader representation of the TCC community. TCC representatives such as Paul Laskow would be advantageous to attend Committee meetings
3. Provide a college academic calendar aligned specifically with GEN ED – intercultural competency – and everything else that touches it – needs to consider student perspective but it is the academic piece that drives everything else we do – intentional, deliberate, time to pull together, be more thoughtful – focus on a TCC look, not 4 different looks. Dr. Natali is the representative for GLC with Dr. De Marte.

GLC will get approval via the TCC President's Advisory and Planning Council (PAPC) for any name change or bylaws change and follow protocols such as sending out a vote for faculty if required. Governance for TCC will remain the same for GLC, if not stronger

New Chair and Membership

Dr. Gabriela Toletti, Chair GLC, 2012-13, introduced the topic of a new Chair of GLC. Paul English nominated Dr. Fran Jacobson. Bill Connor seconded. All approved. Congratulations were extended to Dr. Fran Jacobson as the new Chair of this Committee. A special thank you to Dr. Gabriela Toletti for her exemplary service last year as Chair GLC.

Welcome new members present Bill Connor and Paul English. Angela Slaughter may also be a new member, depending on class schedules. Ronald Gray, Coordinator of Student Leadership and Community Engagement, has also been invited.

Upcoming Intercultural Events

September is **Hispanic Heritage Month**. Dr. Toletti is leading this TCC GLC event, arranging for guest lecturer and author of four books, Juan Gonzalez. Event is to be held Thursday Sept 19th at 5:30 p.m. reception at the Roper Theatre, Norfolk, with a book selling/signing afterwards. Dr. Toletti will send electronic note. Barnes and Noble is selling his book. More information is on the new Office of Intercultural Learning (OIL) webpage. Flyer is being designed by Visual Communications. TCC. Susan James is handling the logistics. This event connects directly with learning outcomes on syllabi, i.e., Cultural and Social Perspective. Juan Gonzalez topic covers social justice, economics, and journalism. We can advertise at ODU. Tickets will be printed and admission is free. Go to: <http://www.tcc.edu/academics/intercultural/>
GLC Members: Help us market this event!

International Education Week. Update on Isobel Coleman, "author of "Paradise Beneath Her Feet", a book about how women are transforming the Middle East. This event will be held at the Roper Theatre Nov 12th at 5:30 p.m., book selling/signing. Barnes and Noble will also carry the book. Topics that Ms. Coleman will cover include: Foreign Policy, World Affairs Council, History, Political Science, International Studies, and Sociology. A flyer is expected. ODU publicity needed as well. Tailored emails via Deans to target majors were suggested. Sliders on TCC home page are planned. Members will market this event to Norfolk State, University Richmond, NATO Command, and Norfolk Sister Cities. Possibilities of tracking student attendance were discussed as technology scanners may be in place soon.

Intercultural Learning Initiatives Update.

Dr. Jeanne Natali, Director of the Office of Intercultural Learning (OIL), introduced us to their new website. GLC, developed a rubric that is driving intercultural learning and helping to connect with social and cultural understanding – for the first time, we are really working with the rubric, ensuring first assessment cycle through.

GLC had foresight and commitment to setup this measurement indicator. We are creating a learning environment that encompasses different cultures. For further information, go to: <http://www.tcc.edu/academics/intercultural/about.htm>

As Dr. De Marte mentioned, we are talking about direct student applicability and faculty engagement regarding everything we do. Now we have a structure that will comprehensively bring all the pieces together, focusing programming on general education outcomes for all students. This year will be a transition year. Susan James on the Committee will lead the logistics that will make a huge difference in GLC success. An annual calendar will coordinate academically aligned intercultural programs. 'Big Ideas' lecture series is a possibility. Jeanne asked that we maintain our broad thinking and have an annual programming theme, incorporating across TCC. Jeanne asked our leadership in six events planned for the year, such as the Jewish Film Festival, African American Heritage, Women's History, Hispanic Heritage, and the Literary Film Festival. Susan James assured us that the budget will be centrally planned this year.

GLC Name Change

Dr. De Marte suggested that the Global Learning Committee (GLC) name be changed to Inter-Cultural Learning Committee. Bill Connor motioned that the GLC be re-named the Inter-Cultural Learning Committee and that the acronym for Committee be changed to ICLC. Gabriela seconded. Approved by all present. Again, the Chair will follow TCC protocol and officially request with the PAPC that the Committee name be changed.

What's New

Laura Hanson stated the Committee that local author Laura Contreras-Rowe was available to speak at TCC for a cultural learning event. She is a five-time award winning author, including: Aim High: Extraordinary Stories of Hispanic and Latina Women.

Laura Solsby, Office of Intercultural Learning, displayed the new Hispanic Heritage month flyers that will be distributed.

Kathy Gause and Laura Solsby reminded members that the WISE program is now accepting applications from students until Friday, September 13th. It is a series of lectures, assessments and educational opportunities. WISE is a program that prepares students to become leaders. For more information, go to: <http://www.tcc.edu/students/specialized/womenscenter/>

Future Meetings

GLC/ICLC meetings – Thursday afternoons – 2:30 p.m. , second Thursday of each month, Norfolk Provost Conference Room, Martin Building

Parting Comments

New Chair Fran Jacobson thanked the members. Fran will be contacting members for sub-committees. Fran- asked all members to personally ensure that each GLC event be successful and well-attended. Encourage assignments with students.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m. All approved.

Next meeting: Second Thursday in September at 2:30 p.m.: September 12, 2013 in the Martin Building, Provost Conference Room, Norfolk, TCC.