

**TCC Governance Committee Minutes**  
**Global & Intercultural Learning**

**Date:** January 19, 2017

**Time:** 2:30 PM -

**Location:** 602 Green Building - Norfolk

**Attendance**

In attendance: Bill Conner (P-Chair), Jim Roberts (VB), Sarah DiCalogero (N-WebEx), Jin An (N), Michele Marits (VB), Olivia Reinauer (P), Jennifer Valentine (VB), Angela Slaughter (P-WebEx), Paul Lasakow (Roper Center – ex officio), Jeanne Natali (Director, ILC – ex officio)

Absent: Evgenia Harrison (CH), Jessica Lynam (P)

Guests: Peter Agbakpe (P), Lauren Escobales (ILC-WebEx)

**I. Call to order**

Meeting was called to order by Bill Conner at 2:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Guest speakers**

None

**III. Minutes**

November 2016 Minutes were approved.

**IV. Reports**

A. Intercultural Learning Update – Jeanne Natali

1. The ILC is working to align with Guided Pathways and the meta-majors.
2. Request for proposals for study abroad programs will be going out to faculty very soon – most likely today or tomorrow.

B. Connecting the Intercultural Learning Center and Faculty – Jennifer Valentine

1. Faculty focus groups were held at all four campuses in November and December 2016. Faculty do desire engagement and support at the classroom level from the ILC. They are also interested in a best practices repository of some sort for intercultural learning resources and/or practices.
2. Fall 2016 was focused on establishing a process for faculty engagement; spring 2017 will focus on content (differences among disciplines, etc.)
3. Ideas for collecting information without demanding extra time from faculty include a professional development day planning session or an ongoing discussion among faculty leads for discipline heads.

C. Roper Theater Update – Paul Lasakow

1. The Roper Center may be able to assist with keynote events, since the ILC is focusing more on classroom-level support.
2. Upcoming engagements include the Virginia Ballet Theatre: *Shakespeare in Motion* (Feb. 17-18), and *Frost/Nixon* (April 21-23).

3. Reminder that faculty may request free tickets for students when a production aligns with classroom curriculum.
  4. Next season possibility: A one-person show that explores the relationship between a Japanese-Canadian son and his Japanese father, a survivor of Hiroshima. The committee agrees that this sounds promising for TCC.
- D. Status of the Tradium Exchange – Bill Conner
1. There was not enough time to develop an 8-week exchange for the Global Studies program this year and they have arranged something else.
  2. The Business Program at Minervavej would like to come back in 2017, and has been invited: conditionally. The three conditions are: 1) Tradium and TCC will have to agree on transportation--the system of exchange coordinators using TCC vans may not be viable this year, 2) TCC cannot guarantee homestays so other accommodations will have to be worked out at Tradium's expense, and 3) TCC coordinators and Tradium coordinators will have to agree to the specific exchange program as a prerequisite to conducting the exchange.
  3. Jim and Bill have been invited to Denmark this spring, but the details haven't been worked out.

## V. **Open business**

- A. Status of GILC retreat
1. ILC can likely fund refreshments, but only if the event is held on campus.
  2. The committee is leaning toward a more casual off-campus location. Jim Roberts will inquire about using Paul English's home. It is not set up for technology, but ILC can provide easels, etc. Committee members can supply food.
  3. Need to think about dates, and whether or not to focus only on charges 1 & 2, or also on programming for the coming year.
- B. Status of this charge: *Engage a working group of faculty to collaborate with Intercultural Learning and the Grants and Sponsored Programs office to prepare and submit a Fulbright Group Projects Abroad application.*
1. Angela Slaughter is working with Jessica Lynam on this, with an eye toward applying for the grant for summer 2018. Cuba is a possible destination. They are currently looking for volunteers (preferably TCC, but need to be interdisciplinary, so possibly VCCS-wide) who are able to be out of the country for 4-6 weeks. Would like to present something that could be easily duplicated in other countries. This is a Fulbright-Hayes grant, a group project abroad focusing on curriculum development. The group would travel together but would each have individual projects.
  2. A work group is needed to write the grant. We would like to develop the concept here at TCC, then reach out for VCCS faculty engagement if needed. Would like to cover the major disciplines.
  3. There is a previous grant to work from (which was not accepted), and the TCC grants office can also support and assist.
  4. There should be a webinar coming up for this summer that will discuss Fulbright grant application preparation.

C. Discussion about accomplishing this charge: *In collaboration with the Intercultural Learning Center, establish a list of best practices for infusing intercultural concepts into curriculum and creating an inclusive learning environment.*

1. See document authored by Jim Roberts.
2. The committee discussed the possibility of developing some faculty awards relating to intercultural concepts in the classroom. Michele Marits will examine the college-wide system and award opportunities. Sarah DiCalogero will bring a list of current faculty awards to the next GILC meeting.
3. The Intercultural Learning Center is also compiling a list of best practices.

D. Committee vacancies – We are lacking representation on some campuses; we need more faculty from Chesapeake and Norfolk, and are lacking a Dean. Sarah DiCalogero volunteered to recruit at Norfolk, and Angela Slaughter will reach out to Kelly Gillerlain at the Chesapeake Campus.

**VI. New business**

No new business

**VII. Other**

Michael Bounds (student member), has graduated and is no longer a committee member.

**VIII. Next meeting**

February 16, 2017 at 2:30, Norfolk Campus

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Submitted by  
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