

Minutes
Diversity and Internationalization Committee Meeting
Nathan Rees, Meeting Chair
Oct 2, 2019, 11:00am, Ingram Library Conference Room (2nd floor)
Approved Nov 20, 2019

I. Call to Order & Attendance

1. Attendance: Nathan Rees, Matt Franks, Jerred Weng, Kristi Carman, Denise Overfield, Jody Bryan (sub. for Lourdes Cody), Mary Kassis, Mateja Vuk, Ana Stanescu, Olivia Uwamahoro (Williams), Stacy Boyd

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

III. Proposed statement for syllabi

1. Brett Reichart updated the committee with the development of a statement for syllabi listing resources for international students and/or students who speak English as a second language. ISAP is creating a website with concise descriptions of a wide range of resources - the statement for syllabi will direct students to this site rather than include all of these details.

2. The current proposed statement is:

“If you are concerned about your English language proficiency and / or U.S. culture is not your home culture, specialized resources may be available to help you succeed. Please visit our English Language Learning (ELL) Support page [tba] for more information.”

3. Denise Overfield discussed the process of including the statement in the common language for course syllabi: since editing the common language for course syllabi is the responsibility of Academic Affairs, a vote from the faculty senate will not be required in order to include the proposed statement once the website is finalized. ISAP is hoping to have it operating in Spring 2020. Denise also suggested that the new Concourse syllabus platform could incorporate the statement once it enters use.

IV. Update on progress of drafting resolution on diversifying the curriculum (Nathan, Matt, Stacy).

1. The group is reviewing the UGA’s cultural diversity requirement (http://bulletin.uga.edu/Bulletin/AAPSNo11_CulturalDiversity.pdf) as a model for drafting the proposal. The committee discussed the possibility of recommending a diversity requirement for UWG, and agreed to beginning with the statement of support for diversifying the curriculum as a first step.

V. Liaison reports

1. President's Commission on Campus Inclusion

2. Office of Education Abroad Advisory Council

3. Center for Diversity and Inclusion

1. Stacy Boyd discussed the Mix it Up at Lunch program on 10/22, and gave an update on the emerging plans to commemorate the location of a burial site on campus.

VI. Other business?

1. Matt Franks updated the committee on the plans for UWG LGBTQ Pride Week (10/7-10/11), along with Carrollton's first ever Pride Festival on 10/11.

VII. Adjourn