

**MINUTES OF THE GLOBAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2006
BUSINESS AND FINANCE CONFERENCE ROOM**

Call to Order: Mr. Michael Panches called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

Voting Members Present: Mr. Gyanendra Baral, Dr. JoAnn Cobble, Mr. Steve Kamm, Ms. Connie Kuebeck, Ms. Anita Philipp, and Mr. Michael Panches (chair).

Voting Members Absent: Dr. Brenda Harrison, Dr. John Hughes, and Mr. Richard Rouillard.

Others in Attendance: Ms. Sunny Garner, Mr. Jon Inglett, and Mr. Vijayan Ramachandran

Materials Distributed: Agenda and October 19, 2006 Minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kamm made the motion to approve the October 19, 2006 minutes as modified to reflect voting/non-voting members present at the October 19 meeting. Ms. Philipp seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report on International Education Week

OCCC's International Week was the week of November 6. Attendance was better than in previous years. Faculty presentations were great. Mr. Jon Horinek and Student Life did an excellent job organization this year's event. Committee approved to send thank you letters to Mr. Horinek and Student Life. Supervisors will be copied on the thank you letters. Mr. Panches volunteered to write the letters.

Update on Global Assessment Task Force

Global Assessment will coincide with Assessment Week which is the week of April 2, 2007. There are no tools available to measure global awareness. Some institutions are using surveys to measure students' global awareness while other institutions allow faculty to assign their own global component. Dr. Harrison has approved an essay instrument for OCCC's Global Assessment. Mr. Inglett made the following suggestions for possible essay questions:

- Essay Question: Mr. Inglett prepared several scenarios as examples. Following is the scenario he shared with the committee: "An American-based company (of your choice) is interested in expanding its business market to a country (of your choice). The CEO of your company has asked you to propose a plan that includes employees from the United States as well as the local labor force. What adaptations will be required to increase the likelihood of success? What measures will you provide to minimize intercultural conflict? How will the company establish credibility to the local labor force and to the customers?"

- Answer paragraph prompts from Global Awareness Competency: Prompts should be able to measure students' knowledge and understanding of Global Awareness.

Committee discussed both suggestions. Although the committee agreed that the essay question was good, it was determined that the question was directed more towards business students. Committee suggested an essay question that involved a student on an overseas learning experience.

The committee agreed that the paragraph prompt questions would measure students' current knowledge and understanding of global awareness for all studies/majors. Committee agreed that two to three prompts would be sufficient. Committee suggested that the assessment tool also include a demographic survey with the following questions:

- How many college credit hours do you have? Or, do you have thirty credit hours or more?
- Have you taken Comp II?
- How many credit hours do you have in Humanities?
- What is your major?

Once Mr. Inglett has had an opportunity to put together a sample of paragraph prompts he will e-mail out a copy to all committee members.

Last Committee Meeting of the Semester – December 14

December 14 is the next meeting at 12:30 PM. This will be the last meeting for the semester.

Other

Global Awareness Definition: At the October 19 meeting Mr. Kamm recommended that the committee work on a definition for Global Awareness. Dr. Cobble reminded committee of Mr. Kamm's recommendation and seconded his recommendation. Question was asked where did the Global Awareness competency originate. It was determined that the initial statement came for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Mr. Panches asked committee to submit suggestions for definitions for Global Awareness. Committee should keep in mind OCCC's Mission Statement. Definition should be measurable. Mr. Inglett recommended that Mr. Kamm head task force for definition.

Adjournment

Ms. Philipp made the motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. Baral seconded motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM

