

## Global & Intercultural Learning Committee Minutes

**Date:** October 22, 2015

**Time:** 2:30 P.M.

**Location:** Martin Building, Norfolk Campus, Room 2610

### Attendance

**In attendance:** Bill Conner, (Chair) Portsmouth; Michele Marits, Virginia Beach; Sarah DiCalogero, Norfolk; Michael Bounds, Student (Virginia Beach); Jeanne Natali, Intercultural Learning; Youlander Hilton, Norfolk; Laura Soulsby, Intercultural Learning; Lauren Escobales, ex-officio; Angela Slaughter, Portsmouth (Webex); Noreen La Piana, Virginia Beach (Webex); Paul English, Chesapeake (Telephone)

**Absent:** Shana Haines, Portsmouth; Ann Ambrose, Portsmouth; Joy Yeager, Chesapeake; Elizabeth Vihnanek, Virginia Beach; David Kiracofe, Chesapeake; Manisha Travedi, Norfolk; Jennifer Valentine, Virginia Beach; Kevin Brady, Chesapeake.

**Guests:** Paul Lasakow, Executive Director of Roper Performing Arts Center; Ronald Gray, Coordinator of Student Leadership and Community Engagement

### I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by William Conner (Chair); however, at the beginning of the meeting, we did not have a quorum.

### II. Guest speakers

### III. Minutes

At the end of the meeting, a quorum was reached, and the meeting minutes for both April 23, 2015 and September 17, 2015 were approved with the following edits: *April 23 Minutes:* Angela Slaughter and Michael Bounds added to the attendance list; *September 17 Minutes:* Under Guest Speakers, omitted the annotation: [List the speaker....] Last names of speakers should be included, and page numbers should be added. Additional minor edits were made to both minutes.

### IV. Reports

**Jeanne Natali:** Intercultural Learning Update: Tradium has been a good experience, and we learned a lot about what this program will be moving forward. We started recruiting for World Quest—the student and staff tables are full, but folks can still promote it; they can be put on a waiting list. She does not know if someone is coordinating this program or what the attrition rates will be if people do not come. Michael Bounds suggested sending an email to confirm them coming. Jeanne: it was coordinator by one faculty member; if we get a high response, we will employ social media.

**Hispanic Heritage** event, September 29th, was well attended. The presenter was phenomenal—students were so engaged. She stayed through entire evening and signed every book.

**Muslims Are Coming**, November 17th, Virginia Beach Student Center, is a documentary about comedians. Jeanne received some phone calls, and security will be in place.

**Martin Luther King Scholarship** is given to a faculty member who embodies Dr. King and scholarship; it will be at the Portsmouth campus this year. Paul Lasakow noted that 16 applicants will be narrowed down to three. Faculty have three or four nominations; we can extend deadline.

**Virginia Center for Inclusive Community:** We had five students last year but 50 students this year (social media a factor).

**Opening of the Intercultural Learning Center, Virginia Beach:** Communications person will get the word out; Jeanne is excited. There are lots of plans in place, and we are getting the space set up & faculty involvement.

**Paul Lasakow:** Othello at the Roper, November 5-8th, explores the role of race; the protagonist is African —\$10 students \$25; 80 people per show; [ropercenter.org](http://ropercenter.org); he suggested we look at other events at the Roper in an educational context. He is not an educator, but he is looking for educators so the events can be connected to curriculum.

**Ronald Gray:** Virginia Community Conference, November 6,7, & 8: All 23 community colleges bring their students; this event is rolling out and connected with the International Event Week.

## **V. Open business**

**Global Certificates from International Universities Subcommittee:** Paul English will join this newly-formed subcommittee, which will consider allowing our students to get curriculum credit for taking classes online;

**Fulbright Subcommittee:** Bill noted that Fulbright matches up with Tradium; Fulbright will be a funding source. We do not have a subcommittee for Tradium. This committee will be looking at Fulbright programs and recommending them. Student exchange is a possibility—we are not limited to Tradium.

**Study Abroad Subcommittee:** Noreen LaPiana and Lauren Escobales will join this subcommittee with Michele Marits (Chair); Jeanne Natali has been visiting with some of the deans on the study-abroad program since Dr. DeMarte wants the deans to “buy in” before going forward.

**Programming Subcommittee** — Paul Lasakow wants to serve on this committee.

**Other Subcommittees:** Bill Conner will include a current list of subcommittees and members in the next meeting minutes.

**VI. New business**

**VII. Other**

**Attendance Discussion:** Youlander Hilton and Michele Marits suggested contacting committee members if they miss two meetings. Sarah DiCalogero suggested reviewing the governance structure for missed meetings; the by-laws are published on the website. After two meetings, Sarah recommends sending an email asking members if something prohibits them from coming; also send them the by-laws to inform them of the attendance policy. Michael Bounds agreed with Sara's recommendation. Bill Conner noted that in the past we have not had problems with quorums—every meeting last year had a quorum.

**VIII. Next meeting: November 19th, 2:30 p.m. Location: TBA**

**IX. Adjournment: 4:04 p.m.**

Submitted by  
Michele Marits, Temporary Recorder