

Global and Intercultural Learning Committee

**Meeting synopsis for Sept. 19, 2018 2:30 p.m. Green Building, room 602**

Meeting facilitator: Jessica Lynam, Chair

Invitees: Priscilla Addy, Sandra Bryant, William Conner, Samuel Duncan, Chiketta Lane, Grace Murray, Jeanne Natali, Alicia Phillips, Virginia Sojdehei, Manisha Trivedi, Jennifer Valentine, Jessica Watson

In attendance: Priscilla Addy, Sandra Bryant, William Conner, Jessica Lynam, Jeanne Natali, Alicia Phillips, Manisha Trivedi

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

II. The attendees discussed the need to establish a more favorable meeting time in order to ensure committee participation. Jessica Lynam will circulate a Doodle poll to request that committee members indicate their availability, will review the poll results and propose a more mutually convenient time.

III. Old Business

Bill Conner presented on the GILC Final Report for AY 17-18, highlighting the accomplishments of the committee last year in completing its charges.

Jeanne Natali reported on the activities of the Intercultural Learning Center, reminding the committee of Dr. Gabriela Toletti's keynote presentation in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday, Sept. 27. at 5:30 p.m. in the Roper Center.

Alicia Phillips and Jeanne Natali reported on the status of the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force. The previous TCC administration had proposed that the Task Force and its mission be rolled into the ongoing work of GILC. Jeanne is scheduled to meet with President DeCinque on Tuesday, Sept. 25 and will subsequently report on the new administration's perspective on the role of the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force going forward.

Jessica Lynam reported on the Fulbright Group Study Abroad grant application. Due to a narrow window of time in which to submit the grant for consideration for the summer of 2019, we were unable to submit our grant proposal in this cycle. The Fulbright sub-committee is now preparing the 40-page narrative for the proposal so that it can be submitted for consideration for the 2020 cycle of Fulbright awards. Jeanne emphasized the importance of completing the proposal in Spring 2019 to ensure its readiness for the next call for proposals.

#### IV. New Business

The attendees discussed member recruitment to address vacancies in representation from three Pathways: Health and Human Services, Maritime and Skilled Trades, and Public Services. The attending committee members concurred that the work of GILC is distinctly relevant to colleagues in Criminal Justice. Bill Conner indicated that the Chesapeake campus is also underrepresented on the committee, and encouraged outreach to faculty from that campus.

The committee discussed the need for officers, particularly a secretary given the need for an individual to consistently take and distribute meeting minutes.

Jessica Lynam circulated draft charges for GILC, which included a place-holder for an objective related to the efforts of the Diversity and Inclusion task force to be further elaborated after receiving input from Dr. DeCinque.

The Committee agreed that the draft charge to include “signature” cultural programs should be understood to include the TCC GPS program as well as repeat last year’s successful Potlatch faculty development event, led by Jim Roberts. The committee also discussed the importance of ensuring that TCC faculty members generate concrete academic connections between intercultural programming and their courses, and that members of GILC act as the broader faculty’s liaisons with Intercultural Learning.

Jeanne Natali notified the committee that International Education Week will take place the week of Nov. 12-16, and will culminate on Friday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> with a half-day conference held on the Virginia Beach campus to include a keynote presentation as well as breakout sessions centered on the topic of migration. Alicia Phillips suggested that representatives of the Fulbright Group Project Proposal hold a breakout session at this conference. Manisha Trivedi volunteered to follow up with Jim Roberts to inquire whether this would be an appropriate time and venue for a second Potlatch event.

A new draft charge was added regarding the creation of an intercultural certificate for students, which would require their participation in and response to an array of recurring global and intercultural activities and events in the community. Sandra Bryant cited the World Affairs Council and Norfolk Forum and suggested that these be added to the list of such activities and events.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.