

International Affairs Committee
March 5, 2024

Members Present

Steven Anton
Pedro Arce
Becky Asher
Heather Cathey
Tina Girdley
Harry Ingle
Bobbie Maynard
Matthew Nisbet
Queen Ogbomo
Mary Pashley
Anastasiia Ponomarenko
Souma Uno
Padmini Veerapen

Members Absent

Aaron Anderson
Dennis Duncan
David Gallop
Amy Miller
Daniel Tran

Guests

Charles Wilkerson
Jerri Winningham

Dr. Pashley called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda had been provided to the committee members earlier via Teams committee folder and by e-mail. Dr. Arce made the motion to approve and Mr. Nisbet second the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of September 20 Minutes

The September 20 minutes had been provided to the committee members earlier via Teams committee folder and by e-mail. Dr. Arce made the motion to approve and Mr. Ingle second the motion. Dr. Pashley requested for one minor change from “Ms.” to “Mr.” for Matt Nisbet on his second motion for February 17, 2023 minutes. Dr. Arce made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Nisbet second the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair Election

Dr. Pashley shared with the committee members that she, Bobbie Maynard and Becky Asher were members of the subcommittee that met February 21 to discuss nominating a chair for the next academic year. They agreed upon asking Dr. Duncan to serve another term and he graciously agreed. She asked if there were any other nominees or recommendations and with none being presented requested for a motion. Dr. Arce made the motion to approve Dr. Dennis Duncan as the 2024-2025 chair. Mr. Nisbet second the motion. Dr. Duncan was approved unanimously.

Updates from International Education Office

Dr. Pashley recognized Mr. Wilkerson to share information from the International Education Office. Mr. Wilkerson shared with the committee members that the CESL program is continues to grow that we have eight students this semester.

He recruited in the Middle East for two weeks. He has a group of students interested in entering the University this summer for the CESL program but one of the issues is that these students want an American host family which the University does not want to participate in this business due to some of the challenges like paying the families to host and perhaps the student not getting along with the family members.

Such Other Matters

Mr. Wilkerson questioned if anyone was able to meet with University Advancement staff. Discussion was held by the committee members.

Mr. Wilkerson shared with the committee that he is meeting with a couple of outside vendors for the CESL program which would address the host family problem. Additional discussion was held by the committee.

Dr. Arce made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Nisbet second the motion.