University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire  
Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 7, 2017  
Centennial Hall, Room 3115B

Present: Eric Torres, Stephen Hill, Shanti Freitas, Linda Carlson, Colleen Marchwick, Cheryl Lochner-Wright, Cheryl Lapp, Heather Pearson, Manny Fernandez

Guest: Darrell Newton, Marc Goulet

Handouts: Agenda, Sept. 7 Minutes, AMP tracking spreadsheet, Kardemimmit posters, Coffee, Tea, & Me flyer

1. Eric T. called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
2. The minutes of April 20, 2017 were approved as distributed.
3. Dr. Newton, AVC for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies gave introductory comments.
4. Peace Corps update by Marc Goulet. Marc gave some history of the Peace Corps. Prep program. It is now a certificate program on campus. We began the program in the spring of 2017. We currently have received one portfolio from students who completed the program. He announced that Colleen and Marc will be doing more promotion this fall. Applications will be due on November 15. On November 30, there will be a social for returning Peace Corps volunteers as well as new and interested students. Marc is asking for help on increasing the visibility of the program. Marc would like a new academic coordinator on campus. He noted it would be an opportunity for an emerging leader. Stephen talked about connections between the State Dept. and the Peace Corps. He also asked about electronic portfolios that could serve dual purposes. Colleen asked about the status of a budget request. Eric explained that he had not heard on the status yet.

Marc also mentioned that it would be good to have a UWEC certificate that was awarded along with the Peace Corps certificate.

Eric thanked Marc for his contribution and thanked Colleen and Paul for their involvement.

5. Chair announcements
   a. Ongoing agenda items – Eric mentioned that cost-neutral programming will report soon.
   b. An invitation to review teaching abroad opportunities was extended.
   c. Academic master plan – See handout.
   d. Eric has invited the ECASD to join us because of their Global Scholars program.
   e. Eric has invited Gretchen Peters, Chair of Music & Theatre to join us. She will join us later.
   f. The student senate has agreed to send a representative to our group.
6. Business
   a. Eric has asked each of us to strategize what actions we can begin to take on the 
      “Globally-Infused Curricular and Co-Curricular Experiences” list. We should all consider 
      prioritizing.
   b. Eric talked about the AACU conference in New Orleans.
   c. Sept 28th there will be a Finnish group performing on campus. We should all be helping 
      to promote this program
   d. Cost-neutral programming – Shanti said that her group would like to present at the next 
      meeting.
   e. Leadership opportunities – Colleen gave us the list of countries represented by 
      international students this fall.
   f. Heather Pierson talked to us about international recruitment. We have an international 
      recruiter and he would like to get to know people who could help recruit. Send her an 
      email with names of staff members who may have ideas for Aaron Mayo.
   g. CIE – Colleen talked about immigration compliance and responsibilities of her dept. 
      They also have responsibility for international students after they have graduated 
      (STEM, OVT students). Colleen gave a handout listing all the services and programs they 
      are offering.
   h. The Advising, Retention, and Career Center – Linda presented the programs and services 
      that ARCC is offering. This is also on the handout.

Eric summed up the business presentations and asked us to look at the Academic Master 
Plan. We should all come up with one idea regarding an aspect of the plan and come 
prepared to discuss it next time.

Manny also mentioned that the Chancellor has stated that monies are available for EDI and 
retention. Our group may fit within this. Dr. Newton said that we could work on some small 
group meetings.

Colleen said that she needs faculty and staff that will help to review applications for 
teaching abroad.

7. The group adjourned at 3:15 p.m.