The Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement (CIGE) was formed in 2013 as “a two-year committee of students, staff, faculty and community members created to develop an integrated, coherent and purposeful approach to internationalization and global engagement at UW-Eau Claire (CIGE Mission Statement).” Accordingly, the Council’s task was to:

• Create a vision for internationalization and global engagement at UW-Eau Claire;
• Inventory and assess existing programs, activities, and resources on campus to
  • identify strengths, weaknesses, needs and opportunities,
  • recommend and promote implementation of activities for immediate action,
  • develop short-term and longer term strategic goals for each; and,
• Engage and advise the campus and community in carrying out the above tasks and communicating its findings (ibid.).

Upon receipt and review of the Report of the Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement (July 2015), UW-Eau Claire Chancellor Schmidt and Provost Kleine established the Council as a permanent, advisory committee (Memo, 9 September 2015). In addition to affirming the Council’s original commission, the Chancellor and Provost requested that the Council provide recommendations to help make learning abroad more accessible to all students, incorporate global learning into all students’ graduation plans, to continue developing international relationships at the department level, and to increase involvement of the business and civic community in UW-Eau Claire’s internationalization efforts.

Current Council membership is made up of 13 Faculty, 7 Staff (1 academic), 2 community members, 2 students, and an administrative assistant. Paul Kaldjian, Chair of Geography and Anthropology continues as chair of the Council. The Council meets fortnightly. It held six meetings in Fall 2015 and seven in Spring 2016. The Council spent $23,677.82 of its $25,000 budget for AY 2015-2016. The Council has requested $36,000 for AY 2016-2017.

The Council continues to work toward and support coordination, collaboration, openness, access and communication on issues, practices, and activities of internationalization and global engagement. It serves as a meaningful forum for advice, needs identification, issue resolution, and opportunity development. For example, in AY 2015-2016, the Council provided review feedback and suggestions toward UW-Eau Claire’s Strategic and Academic Master Plans as they were being developed. This included suggestions for a university-wide Internationalization and Global Engagement vision statement. In addition to its many ongoing tasks and efforts for the coming year, the Council will be attentive to ways in which it can support and advance UW-Eau Claire’s 2016 Strategic and Academic Master Plans.

Following is an accounting of the Council’s notable activities and contributions for AY2015-16. Links to numerous Council documents are provided in the text. This report, and the supporting documents, as well as the major report on the Council’s first years, are available at http://www.uwec.edu/CIGE/progress/CIGEReports.htm.
In AY 15-16, CIGE supported, advised on, served on development of:

1. Establishment of CIGE as a permanent UWEC Council
   a. See CIGE Final Report and recommendations, Summer 2015
   b. Conversion of Council’s Administrative Assistant from LTE to FTE
2. UWEC Internationalization Vision Statement draft, memo to Provost, Jan 2015
3. Ongoing review of Study Abroad Immersion essays as part of global learning assessment
4. Peace Corps Prep MOC, signed October 2015
5. Participation in Eau Claire Sister Cities meetings
6. CIGE review and comments on UWEC Strategic and Academic Master Plans
7. CIE advisement
   a. Future of CIE Folk Fair
   b. Aberdeen agreement – Signed summer 2016
   c. Cost neutral study abroad programming
8. Continuation of East European Symposium
9. Participation on Immersion Advisory Committees

CIGE initiated and/or sponsored activities

1. Department to Department Partnerships 2015-16 Proposals funded
   a. Languages: partnership with Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP), in Puebla, Mexico
2. International Events & Programs 2015-16 Proposals funded
   a. Women’s Studies: Transnational Feminist Exchange: Miranda House (Delhi U) at UWEC, September 2015
   b. Women’s Studies: Dr. Jennifer Olmsted, Gender, Economic Development, and Armed Conflicts, April 2016
   c. Latin American Studies: LAS Week Keynote speaker, Professor David Lovatón, October 2016
   d. Latin American Studies: LAS Week Los Llaneros’ (Musical Group) Workshops and Concert/Dance, October 2016
3. 2015-16 Sponsored Events
   a. Kardemimmit concert and lecture, September 2015
   b. Miranda House, University of Delhi visit, September 2015
   c. AAC&U Global Learning in College, presenting on D2D program, October 2015
   d. International Education Week, with Immersions, November 2015
   e. Thoughtful Photography talk (Shane Opatz and Mark Aumann), November 2015
   f. Study Abroad Photo Contest, with CIE (Jenna Krosch), February 2016
   g. UWEC visit to PUCP, Lima, Peru, March 2016
   h. 2nd Annual Backgammon Tournament, with McIntyre Library (Hans Kishel and Eric Jennings) and community, April 2016
   i. Tim Hall, Winchester University visit, April 2015
   j. Haaga Folk Machine concert, June 2016
Unfinished business and upcoming events & activities (planned and proposed)

1. AACU Global Learning in College, October 2016
2. Student intern to work with UWEC Centers on international programming
3. UW-System Internationalization Symposium (Proposed)
4. International broadcasting programming on campus
5. Integrating international students with domestic students
6. Enhance and focus international partnerships
7. Support & build on department-level initiatives/events, e.g. East Europe Symposium
8. Work with Department on Internationalization Plans (DIPs)
9. Monthly CIGE/CETL presentations/workshops — e.g., on DIPs, Service Learning
10. CETL/FLII communities of practice
11. Work with Chancellor’s office on gifts when travelling abroad
12. Cost neutral study abroad programming (per Chancellor)
13. Increase community collaboration with CIGE (per Chancellor)
14. Invite Fulbright Scholar to UWEC
15. How to recognize faculty/staff participation in faculty-led international immersions in performance evaluations programs in reappointment, tenure and promotion decisions.
16. Globally appropriate UWEC business cards
17. Ideas on how to use CIGE funds to reach more students:
   a. Revisit the $1250 limit on the International Events RFP (international travel can be expensive)
   b. Collaborate with CETL to provide extra funding for international speakers
18. Offer funding to departments via RFP to expand curriculum on international issues
19. Incentivize department internationalization plans
20. Finalize Google map of UWEC Global Partnerships
21. Create a faculty expertise/research campus map
22. Review CIGE membership
   a. Length of terms
   b. New membership
   c. Selecting new chair

Initial Agenda Items for 2016-17

1. Audit of faculty-led international student learning abroad trips
2. UW-System proposed group travel policy
3. Travel Expense Report difficulties
4. CIGE membership
5. Community collaboration
6. Iraqi refugee crisis performance (Mary Hoffman)
7. Speaker (w/Geography), alumna with NGO and community mapping in Mongolia