

Diversity and Internationalization Committee Meeting

Angela Pashia, Committee Chair

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, 2pm, Ingram Library Conference Room

Minutes approved: November 28, 2018

I. Call to Order

II. Attendance: Angela Pashia, Muriel Cormican, Nathan Rees, Ana Stanescu, Jairus-Joaquin Matthews, LaDonia Patterson, Mary Kassis, Jane Simpson, Yves-Rose Porcena, Paul Sargent, Sarah Abdelrahim for Jasmine Clay (SGA rep).

III. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: approved

IV. Update to the International Transfer section of the Undergraduate Admissions policy (see below)

1. Vote to approve language that was included in the 2017-18 Catalog, allowing UWG to evaluate transcripts instead of requiring outside service: unanimously approved

1. The University System of Georgia requires completion of a College Preparatory Curriculum from an accredited institution for Freshman admission. A student applying while in high school should have a transcript of work through the junior year sent to the Admissions Office at the time of application. Students completing secondary school must provide official copies of their transcripts to the University of West Georgia for evaluation. If this official copy is not in the English language, it must be accompanied by a certified translation to the English language. The University of West Georgia reserves the right to request for a formal Academic Credential Evaluation of transcripts/documents submitted to the University as part of a student's application. If requested, the student must provide an evaluation of secondary school credentials that has been completed by a service belonging to the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES).

2. We discussed whether this change should be considered for transfer applicants as well as for reviewing high school transcripts. Committee members present seemed favorable toward also allowing UWG to evaluate transfer transcripts in house, but will wait to officially vote on the matter until proposed wording is available.

V. Information item: John Morris, chair of the Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Committee, will send a doodle to schedule a joint meeting to discuss student evaluations

VI. Liaison reports

1. President's Commission on Campus Inclusion

1. Implicit bias training update: Faculty, staff, and students can request the training to be delivered starting in Spring 2019 via the CDI website

2. Discussion of MLK Day event and ways to promote the Buried Truths podcast from the featured speaker
2. Office of Education Abroad Advisory Council
 1. Expect update on impact of new funding regulations early next year
3. Center for Diversity and Inclusion
 1. Link is now available on the CDI website to request the Implicit Bias Training - <https://www.westga.edu/campus-life/diversity/training.php>
4. International Student Admissions and Programs
 1. New director starts Nov 1, 2018

VII. Other business?

1. Suggestion: review status of recommendations from the UWG Faculty Senate Resolution on Diversifying the Faculty in our next meeting
2. Discussion of how to make committee chairs aware that the implicit bias training is available and valuable. Further discussion of preferred timing of the training.

VIII. Adjourn