

Minutes from the Council for

each department to require a GI component in every class. After brief general discussion of these questions, Drs. Smith and Daytner left the meeting.

a. Nominations for CIE Officers for the academic year 2018-19: Dr. Bideshi stated that the Council will need a new Chair and a new recording secretary for next year. Dr. Singh asked what the composition of the Council would be like next year, adding that perhaps the Council should table discussion of officer nominations until it meets in Fall 2018. By acclamation, the nomination of CIE officers for academic year 2018-19 was tabled until the first meeting in September 2018.

a. Dr. Singh voiced his feeling of depression concerning the state of transition the university is currently in. He argued that global competence is a fundamental requirement today, and that the Council must define what it wants Western's students to be competent in, in their major areas as well as in the general education curriculum. Dr. Singh stated that at least 10% of the courses Western students take should look at global issues in some serious way, and that the university does

d. Dr. Singh stated that a good place to begin would be to administer a basic GI test to students, for the purpose of collecting data on the degree to which Western' students were or were not globally competent. This data could then be presented to the administration. Dr. Obregon stated that an additional problem will be to create an incentive for faculty members to include GI components in their courses. Dr. Obergon said he often asked his students questions about what was going on in the world in general, noting that his international students often knew a bit more about world issues than his American students. Dr. Obregon proposed that CITR establish a program whereby students could earn some course credit for taking continuing education classes about general world issues.

e. For the purposes of providing feedback to the college deans after their visits to CIE meetings, Dr. Bideshi identified three items. The first was the recognition that there must be more institutional support for GI awareness. The second was the development of a survey to determine what degree of compliance departments would have with GI course requirements. The final item was to have a GI course requirement added to the General Education curriculum.

a. Dr. Bideshi asked the Council if anyone had comments on the GERC/Multicultural group document sent to council members earlier. The Council had none at this time.

b. Dr. Bideshi asked what sort of progress had been made on definitions of "culture" by the CIE definitions subcommittee. Mr. Stierman said he would look over the definitions in the next week and pass along any changes to the Council. Dr. Bideshi said he would like to have some concrete definitions by the time of the Council's last meeting for this academic year.

a. Motion to adjourn (Obregon), seconded (Stierman). Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

Next meeting will take place on at 1:00 PM on Monday, May 7, 2018.

Minutes submitted by Michael Murray.