**Report of Minutes and Outcomes**

**Meeting, Monday, February 18th, 2019 1:15 PM, BEN 2.116A**

**University of Texas at Austin’s Faculty Council (FC)**

**Standing Committee C-6:  International Programs and Studies Committee**

(submitted by Melissa Murphy through all meeting participants)

**Convening**

Melissa Murphy (Chair, 2018-2019) convened the meeting of The University of Texas at Austin’s (UT) Faculty Council’s (FC) **International Programs and Studies Committee** (hereafter the C-6 Committee) around 1:15 PM on February 18th, 2019.  In attendance were three C-6 Committee members (in alphabetical order): Thomas Hunt (Kinesiology and Health Education); Ann Johns (Art); and Melissa Murphy (Spanish and Portuguese). Also in attendance were two ex-officio members: John Dalton (Graduate Studies) and Heather Thompson (International Office), as well as Jeanette Herman (Assistant Dean for Academic Initiatives).

**Discussion about Skills and Experience Flags for Courses Taught Abroad**

Melissa Murphy invited Jeanette Herman to join the C-6 committee for a meeting dedicated to the discussion of skills and experience flags abroad, with a special emphasis on the Global Cultures Flag (hereafter the GC flag).

* Jeanette explained the flag approval process in general terms and emphasized that the GC flag was awarded to courses that included an in-depth focus on culture, rather than a superficial look at cultural artifacts (e.g. going to museums).
* There was some discussion about what “culture” meant. Jeanette explained that the flag committee composition changes over time and that the criteria for the GC flag has gotten more rigorous. Currently, the committee is looking at how courses examine specific **group(s)**, and how they engage with texts produced by people in those groups.
* Jeanette explained that the Registrar’s office has a rule that once the course schedule is available, flags can’t be added to courses.
* Heather asked about the process to modify the criteria (or interpretation of the criteria). Jeanette stated that changes occur through the flag committee, then the Undergraduate Studies Advisory Committee (UGSAC), who can then make a recommendation to change policy.
* Melissa asked whether or not the website made it clear what the committee was looking for, so that faculty could prepare strong proposals. She also mentioned that there may not be enough models and asked if more could be added. Jeanette said that might be possible and pointed out that the website is currently being updated to reflect current interpretations with regard to culture flags
* Melissa asked about the renewal process for flags. Jeanette responded that courses flagged at the Instructor level were renewed every 3 years, while courses flagged at the course level were part of a 4-year cycle, where a random sampling from each department is evaluated.
* Heather mentioned that Sonia Feigenbaum (Senior Vice Provost for Global Engagement) is now here at U.T. She is currently putting a team together. She is going through a branding exercise and is collecting ideas. The goal is to have a strong web presence.
* Tom asked about the possibility of having the U.T. website in both English and Spanish. Melissa expressed that she thought this was a great idea.

**Tentative Agenda for the Next Meeting**

March 11th: Discussion of Ambassador Program – make concrete plans for class visits this semester

**Table 1: List of Persons/Offices to be Informed of C-6 Committee Activities**

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