

Senate Council
November 3, 2014

Ad Hoc Committee to Review UK's Confucius Institute

Background: Concerns have been expressed by the AAUP and some US and Canadian universities, regarding the funding of Confucius Institutes on university campuses. UK is one of 104 US universities that houses a Confucius Institute. At the request of the Associate Provost for Internationalization, SC is appointing an Ad Hoc Committee on the UK Confucius Institute (CUKCI) to explore these concerns and outline whether and how they impact UK's Confucius Institute. The purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee is to ensure that external funding is not adversely impacting academic freedom or faculty agency, in terms of China programming at UK.

Charge: This ad hoc committee will review the agreement, budget, and activities of the UK Confucius Institute, as well as national media articles and the AAUP statement. In addition, CUKCI will interview Confucius Institute Director Dr. Huajing Maske and Associate Provost for Internationalization Susan Carvalho, as well as conduct any other inquiries they deem relevant. The CUKCI will be asked to present its findings to the Senate Council and then to the full University Senate; findings will also be shared with deans and the Provost.

Composition:
To be determined.

Recommendation: that the SC approve the proposed charge and composition of the ad hoc Committee on the UK Confucius Institute (CUKCI); the CUKCI will present its final report to the Senate no later than February 9, 2015.