

ANNUAL REPORT – INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

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SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

The International Programs Committee held six meetings during the 2011-12 academic year in which it addressed a number of topics related to the IU School of Education's international initiatives. The following are summaries of the Committee's key activities:

Goodwill Ambassador's Program

The committee, after a three year hiatus, revived the SoE Goodwill Ambassadors Program in which advanced students serve as mentors and provide academic advice for new and prospective international students to assist them with adjusting the school culture at IU.

Discussion with David Zaret

The Committee invited Vice President for International Programs, David Zaret, on October 11th to join us for a discussion of his priorities and his vision for international activity at IU. He discussed some of his goals for this year, including reexamining the funds for faculty grants and maintaining the four components of continuity: increasing the number of undergraduates who have had study abroad experiences, exchange opportunities for faculty and graduate students, faculty research collaboration, and primary partnerships with top tier universities with countries on University's strategic list of 32 institutions.

International Scholars Reception

On November 9th the committee hosted a reception for the School's visiting international scholars. Twelve visiting scholars attended, and each scholar was introduced and Dean Gonzalez delivered some welcoming remarks.

Introducing Linda Hanek to the committee

At our January 18th meeting Dean Gonzalez introduced Linda Hanek, who is the new executive assistant in the Dean's Office. Dean Gonzalez explained that some of her responsibilities include coordinating social events in the School and acting as a liaison between the Dean's Office and the IPC. Hanek will help organize annual receptions for the visiting scholars and publicizing the visiting scholars information to the SoE. Hanek will also help with internationalization efforts within the School.

Update on Cultural Immersion Project

At our February 8th meeting, Laura Stachowski outlined the history of the Cultural Immersions Project, which includes the American Indian Reservation Project, the Overseas Project, and the Urban Project. A new development is that the Foundation of International Education will be moving to IU as a part of the Overseas Project and will become the Indiana University Program for International Education.

USAID University Engagement Project

At the Committee's April 11th meeting Terry Mason provided a brief update on the status of IU's pursuit of the USAID University Engagement Project. Several units on the IUB campus including the SOE, SPEA, the Institute for International Business in the Kelley School, and the Workshop of Political Theory, have contributed to the proposal. The proposal that will establish the Laboratory for Human Security will sponsor innovative ideas for projects to generate solutions to threats to human security.

Discussions regarding the establishment of the School of Area and International Studies (ARIS)

This initiative is connected to the College of Arts and Sciences under the leadership of COAS Associate Dean Maria Bucur who has expressed that there will be a role for the professional schools in ARIS once it is established. The IPC will work with Dean Gonzalez and other professional schools in order to secure an active role in the initiative to develop the School and to participate in its activities including offering courses that will be cross-listed with the ARIS graduate and undergraduate programs.

Discussion with Eric De Haan on how the IPC can get more involved with the IU International Alumni Association

Eric De Haan, the International Outreach Coordinator for the IU Alumni Association attended the Committee's meeting on February 8th. He explained the importance in connecting with the international alumni from the SOE emphasizing that it is one of President McRobbie's priorities to maintain and strengthen relationships with international alumni. Following the meeting DeHaan provided the Committee with a list of international alumni and encouraged the committee to work with him to find ways to connect with our international alumni.

Webpage for Visiting Scholars

The Committee, with the assistance of Linda Hanek, has worked on updating the IPC webpage and adding a section that would feature information about our international visiting scholars. This will enable IU faculty and students to see the interest and backgrounds of our visitors to help better integrate them into the activities of the School.

End of Year Visiting Scholars Reception

On Thursday, April 26th, the IPC will sponsor a reception for our visiting international scholars at which each one will receive a certificate in recognition of their involvement with the IU SoE community during this academic year.

Future directions for the International Programs Committee

The following were identified by members of the IPC as priorities for the Committee's work next year:

- Follow-up on the ARIS initiative.
- Invite Brant Beyer, project manager in Western European Studies Center, to one of the IPC meetings next year to discuss how the SOE can collaborate with his Center.
- Follow up on Rex Stockton's students' work on developing a guide for incoming international students.
- Establishing the International Advisory Committee of students to work with Linda Hanek and the IPC.
- Send a representative to the Title 6/International Working Group meetings to present the international activities of the SoE.
- Follow up on the Goodwill Ambassador program, possibly linking it to the International Advisory Committee

Respectfully submitted by Terry Mason, IPC Chair on behalf of the Committee.