2008-09 ANNUAL REPORT TO ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE NAME: International Studies and Programs (ISP)
Advisory/Consultative Committee (A/CC)

CHAIRPERSON: Melvin T. Yokoyama (Animal Science, CANR)


Give a brief description of committee activities and/or issues discussed and actions taken/recommendations made and to whom.

The A/CC is advisory to the Dean of ISP on: study abroad programs, foreign student affairs, exchange relationships with foreign universities, international comparative and area studies, and international contractual projects and other relationships; and serves as the principal channel of communication at the policy level between ISP and the faculty and students.

During the 2008-09 academic school year, A/CC activities/issues included the following:

- Reviewed and approved the linkage agreements with over 50 institutions including some in: Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Korea, Malawi, Mexico, Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and United Kingdom.
- An update on the Study Abroad Task Force Report by Eric Freedman, including the progress being made on meeting the recommendations in the report.
- Peter Briggs, Office for International Students and Scholars, reporting on international student enrollment and the goal to increase the diversity of international students by recruiting from a broader spectrum of countries.
- The report on MSU Dubai was given by John Hudzik, who addressed student recruitment and curriculum issues.
- The committee members were asked to review and comment on the new ISP website prior to its implementation.
- The 2009 ISP Strategic Planning letter was reviewed and discussed by the committee.

2. Comment on matters pending before the committee and matters which should be considered in 2009-10.

- The role of ISP in being a catalyst and support for international research.
• Discussion on the role of the Dean of ISP in promotion and tenure process.
• More diversification of international students from targeted disadvantaged countries and families.
• Endowments for sustainable international activities.
• Continuing discussion of quality, alignment and cost control in study abroad.
• Discussion of assessment of international learning outcomes.

3. **Comment on problems and/or issues that have made the work of the committee more difficult.**

• Achieving a quorum of members at meetings is a chronic issue. Online voting and a majority of attending members are under consideration. Electronic participation is offered to help with meeting participation.
• Increasing the numbers of members on the International Agreement subcommittee for the purpose of reviewing and approving new partnership agreements.

4. **Please make any suggestions about how the academic governance system might be modified to improve the committee's work.**

• The academic governance system has worked well over the past year. No suggestions for modification at this time.