Committee: International Studies and Programs (ISP)  
Advisory/Consultative Committee (A/CC)  
Chairperson: Kirt C. Butler (Department of Finance, College of Business)  
Meeting Dates: 9/17/10, 10/15/10, 11/19/10, 12/17/10, 1/21/11, 2/18/11, 3/18/11, 4/15/11

1. 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. The Committee met eight times during the 2010-2011 academic year. The Committee has three Subcommittees (Communications, Linkage Agreements, and Policies) that provide review of separate functions within ISP.

ISP Dean Jeffrey Riedinger met regularly with the committee and kept the Committee abreast of relevant developments, including the following:

- Closing of the MSU Dubai Campus
- ISP’s activities in alumni relations and webpage development
- ISP’s vision for the next Capital Campaign
- MSU’s Area Centers and their role in international research and education
- International activities at MSU’s various Colleges
- International research priorities
- Study abroad, including filling open positions at the Office of Study Abroad
- International student enrollment at MSU, and particularly issues surrounding academic and lifestyle support for students from China
- ISP budgetary matters
- Rebalancing of ISP’s human and financial resources to focus on promoting and facilitating cross-disciplinary research through ISP’s Office of International Research and Collaboration (OIRC)
- Risk and security for MSU travelers
- MSU’s International Sponsored Student Program
- MSU Leaders Representing MSU Abroad
- Libyan students in MSU’s VIPP (Visiting International Professionals Program)
- Review of contracts or memoranda of understanding, including for non-degree programs
- MSU policies regarding export controls

The Linkage Agreements Subcommittee approved 47 international agreements with 44 partner institutions in 23 countries in 2010, and so far in 2011 has approved agreements with 26 partner institutions in 15 countries in 2011. A breakdown of the agreements is as follows:
2. **Comment on matters pending before the committee and matters that should be considered in 2011-2012.**

   • Yet to be determined.

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

   • The precarious position of Libyan VIPP students at MSU and the closing of the Dubai campus were significant concerns during the year.

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 during the past year.