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

Chairperson: Maria Lapinski (College of Communication Arts & Sciences)

Meetings Held (Dates): 8 Committee Meetings

1. 26 September 2013  
2. 24 October 2013  
3. 21 November 2013  
4. 19 December 2013  
5. 30 January 2014  
6. 27 February 2014
7. 27 March 2014  
8. 24 April 2014

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

The A/CC provides advice to the Dean of ISP on matters regarding study abroad programs, international student affairs, formal relationships with entities abroad, international comparative and area studies, international contractual projects and other relationships. Furthermore the Committee is envisioned as the principal channel of communication at the policy level between ISP, faculty members and students. The Committee has three Sub-Committees, namely Communications, Agreements and Policies, which provide advice and oversight and delineate policies as appropriate.

During the course of the 2013-14 academic year Committee members undertook the activities outlined below.

a. Deliberation on the A/CC’s structure and functions
b. Assumption of an active role in the search for a new ISP Dean whilst also serving in an advisory capacity to the Interim Dean

c. Review and Approval of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), along with input from MSU’s Office of the General Counsel; the Agreements sub-committee approved many new agreements with institutions located in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America between 2013 and 2014 (below are the counts as of this writing).

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d. Discussion of two overarching and substantive issues; firstly and in concert with attempts to re-envision study abroad at Michigan State University, the committee discussed issues underpinning or informing study abroad and the manner in which the experience could be enhanced for all students. Secondly, the role of international students on campus and the mechanisms for ensuring their success were explored with presentations by several groups from campus who serve this population.

e. Representation at ISP Deanship Finalists’ presentations and subsequent meetings with the candidates

f. Representation at meetings with newly-appointed ISP Dean Steve Hanson and response to a request from the Provost and Associate Provost for input concerning his role

2. Comment on matters pending before the committee and matters which should be considered in 2014-2015.

The committee will continue to interrogate issues concerning study abroad and international students, amongst other matters from September 2014 onwards.

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

The A/CC will work assiduously to ensure that communication between the Colleges and Offices from which its members hail is further strengthened, streamlined and ultimately benefits MSU’s international undertakings. This issue remains a problem and one which be tackled this coming 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 worked effectively during the course of the 2013-14 academic year. However, the university might consider a formal communication and orientation processes for all newly appointed chairs of committees. It might also consider providing committee chairs with guidance for leadership transitions on committees.