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 six times during the 2009-2010 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:

- The MSU Dubai Campus, its enrollment, and its educational/financial viability
- ISP’s activities in alumni relations and webpage development
- MSU’s Area Centers and their role in international research and education
- International research priorities
- Study abroad
- International student enrollment at MSU
- 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)

The Linkage Agreements Subcommittee approved international agreements with 73 partner institutions, including: General Agreements & Memoranda of Understanding (58), Two-way Student Exchanges (18), One-way Student Exchange (5). Some of our partner institutions signed a General Agreement or MOU as well a Student Exchange Agreement.

2. Comment on matters pending before the committee and matters that should be considered in 2009-2010.

- Request a progress report on the Study Abroad Recommendations of the Dean’s Designees.
- The Subcommittees should be empowered to improve the efficiency of the A/CC while facilitating information flow within the A/CC.
- The Linkage Agreement Subcommittee’s forms and processes need to be streamlined.
• The Policies Subcommittee should review and possibly revise the policies and guidelines for international linkages.
• The Communications Subcommittee should meet with the ISP Director of Communications (Stephanie Motschenbacher) to review and prioritize ISP’s communications with internal and external constituents.

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

   • Participation on the Linkage Agreements Subcommittee is a continuing concern because of the relatively large burden borne by that Subcommittee.

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.

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