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.