The A/CC provides advice to the Dean of ISP, Steve Hanson, on all matters related to the international research and study at MSU including: 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.

During the 2015-2016 academic year, greater emphasis was placed on having the Committee members develop greater knowledge of ISP units and resources, to then disseminate that information to colleagues in their home units. The Dean Hanson invited several unit leaders within ISP to meet with the Committee members including: Chris Daniel, Director, International Health & Safety; DeAndra Beck, Associate Dean for Research at ISP; Xinyu Wu, Director, VIPP; and Rob Glew, Assistant Dean and Director of the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program.

Dean Hanson and the committee co-chairs have met to discuss ways in which to facilitate a more robust exchange of ideas during the committee meetings as well as to foster more targeted and
efficient transmission of information from the ISP Dean to other campus units. The co-chairs have met with Dean Hanson to discuss ways to improve the efficacy and efficiency of the advisory meetings going forward, including circulating the agenda and supporting materials at least a week in advance of the committee meetings.

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

   The members of the Advisory Committee represent varied constituencies of their units; ensuring that information from the ISP Dean reaches unit leadership has been a challenge. Deans and Associate Deans may be encouraged to select ACC/ISP committee representatives who have a direct channel to their home unit leadership.

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

   As noted above, the committee co-chairs met with Dean Hanson to discuss ways in which the committee can be more helpful to the Dean and also serve a more valuable communications role in their unit.