2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT TO ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE

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

Chairperson: Rae L. Schnuth (College of Human Medicine)

Number of Meetings: 9 Committee Meetings

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 seven times during the 2012-2013 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:

   • University emphasis on global partnerships
   • 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
   • Strategic international travel
   • International student enrollment at MSU, and particularly issues surrounding academic and lifestyle support for students from China
   • ISP budgetary matters
• Rebalancing 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)

• MSU’s International Sponsored Student Program

• MSU Leaders Representing MSU Abroad

• Review of contracts or memoranda of understanding, including for non-degree programs

• MSU policies regarding export controls

Guest speakers also covered other topics such as an overview of ISP’s strategic communication process, Travel security-related matters, the Global Center for Food Systems Innovation (GCFSI) and Dean transition.

The Linkage Agreements Subcommittee approved international agreements with 29 partner institutions, including: General Agreements & Memoranda of Understanding, Two-way Student Exchanges and One-way Student Exchanges. Some of our partner institutions signed General Agreements as well as Student Exchange Agreements.

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2. Comment on matters pending before the committee and matters that should be considered in 2013-2014

- Strategies for integrating ISP resources across Colleges and Centers
- Revision of MOU template and guidelines
- Sensitizing faculty members regarding key initiatives especially the Global Center for Food Systems Innovation (GCFSI) and the MCF Scholars Program and possible synergies between them

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

- Communication to and from Colleges/Centers and ISP could be enhanced to maximize faculty members’ time in developing agreements while ensuring University guidelines are met

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.