

**MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**September 12, 2003**

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, September 12, 2003, in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Union.

Voting Members present: Dr. Alan Baharlou, Dr. Frances Murphy, Dr. Dagni Bredesen, Dr. Mahyar Izadi, Dr. J. Michael Havey, Dr. Roann Kopel, Dr. Scott A.G.M. Crawford, Ms. Elyse Lyons, Ms. Xiaoran Xu

Voting Members absent: Dr. Anita Shelton, Dr. Mahmood Butt,

Ex-Officio and Staff present: Dr. Robert Augustine, Ms. Pam Collins, Ms. Sue Songer, Dr. Herbert Lasky, Ms. Adrienne Paladino

Ex-Officio and Staff absent: None

I. Dean's reports.

- A. Dean Augustine reported that he will be discussing the international education mission at Deans' Council next week and needs IPAC's input and advice regarding the following international mission issues:
- What targeted number of international students should be on Eastern's campus? If staff cannot be increased, should we limit enrollment to 90 graduate students? IPAC members supported preserving our current international enrollment (about 150 students with approximately 70% enrolled in graduate programs and 30% in undergraduate programs.) IPAC members emphasized that international graduate student enrollment must be preserved in order to preserve the quality of our graduate programs.
  - Dr. Baharlou noted that it was critical to have international students on this campus. Dr. Baharlou was concerned about reducing the number and, at the minimum, supported maintaining the current number. He also expressed the passion and concern of IPAC and the willingness to discuss this situation with the VPAA.
  - Dr. Augustine noted that deans and chairs must make international education a priority in order to retain the current number of international students because additional resources will be required to achieve that goal.
  - Dr. Augustine also spoke of the escalating cost of maintaining the Study Abroad Programs. He estimated that the cost to insure quality and safety of students would approach a minimum investment of \$80,000 and further explained that the exchange programs were running a deficit. He emphasized that our ability to retain and preserve strong study abroad programs rests with faculty who promote this as a

critical part of the educational mission of the university. Because study abroad has been managed more as an elective study experience, it has not been embraced by students and is not pursued as a serious form of study.

- Dr. Augustine provided brief summaries of several related issues, including improved business practices for study abroad, the plan for management of study abroad during the period that the director is gone, and the issue of returning to campus at the conclusion of study abroad.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING**  
**September 19, 2003**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**Graduate School Conference Room, 1103 Blair Hall**

**Agenda Items:**

Short-Term Study Abroad Proposals