

**MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**February 6, 2004**

The International Programs Advisory Committee met at 9:07 a.m. on Friday, February 6, 2004, in Conference Room 1103 Blair Hall.

Voting Members present: Dr. Frances Murphy, Xiaoran Xu, Dr. Roann Kopel,  
Dr. Michael Havey, Dr. Dagni Bredesen

Voting Members absent: Dr. Alan Baharlou, Dr. Mahmood Butt, Dr. Scott Crawford,  
Dr. Anita Shelton, Elyse Lyons, Dr. Mahyar Izadi,

Ex-Officio and  
Staff present: Dr. Robert Augustine, Ms. Adrienne Paladino,  
Ms. Staci J. Provezis, Ms. Pam Collins

Ex-Officio and  
Staff absent: Dr. Herbert Lasky, Mr. William J. Elliott, Ms. Sue E. Songer

- I. The minutes of December 12, 2003 were approved as read.
- II. Items to be added to the Agenda.  
None at this time
- II. Agenda Items to be acted on.  
**International Education Evaluation**
  - A. Staci Provezis discussed the results of the International Education Survey that was conducted by Becky Head during the Fall 2003 term. While there was strong support for preserving on-campus international student enrollments, the results of the study abroad section suggested that faculty are not knowledgeable of study abroad and, as a result, demonstrated limited support for study abroad programs.
  - B. Dr. Augustine asked for input from IPAC members regarding the survey results. Four factors emerged from the discussion related to increasing faculty support for study abroad. These included:
    1. Insuring general education and discipline course credit for study abroad experiences
    2. Providing faculty development, incentives and recognition for participation in study abroad. Incentives may include credit units for developing study abroad programs and recognition may include meeting criteria for retention, promotion, and tenure in the Department Application of Criteria for leading study abroad programs.
    3. Informing faculty. Information sessions may be organized as part of faculty meetings or related departmental activities.

4. Increasing Resources: Resource increases may be available by securing additional fees to support the program.
- C. Suggestions were made on moving the International Forums to other locations to help improve attendance (i.e. Lumpkin College of Business & Applied Science Atrium, Library, South Quad or Library Quad, Bridge Lounge). The primary issue with this approach is insuring that a department/unit within that building supports the forum and is willing to schedule the space.
- D. Staci Provezis has arranged a meeting with the business people to discuss transfer credit.

### III. Reports

- A. In Bill Elliott's absence, Dr. Augustine shared Bill's International Programs Updates:
  1. 10<sup>th</sup> day – 159 international students, top country India with 21 students, China with 19 and Nepal with 12
  2. An international student was involved in a serious car accident, had surgery, and is being released from the hospital on 02/06/04.
  3. International student withdrawal block is operational. Student status has been verified by IP staff for the beginning of the semester, and students have been registered as active in SEVIS.
  4. Through Study Illinois, a proposal has been submitted to the Department of State to allow our member schools to host a group of overseas academic advisors for campus visits in May, which is an outstanding recruitment opportunity for EIU.
  5. International Programs newsletter is in production (web-based and hard copy) and should be ready by end of month.
  6. International website web chat and message board completed and will be installed by middle of month.
  7. International Student Transfer Day is tentatively scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in April to help recruit international students.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING**  
**Friday, March 12, 2004**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Graduate School Conference Room, 1103 Blair Hall**

#### **Agenda Items:**

.None at this time