

International and Off Campus Domestic Studies Committee

End of the Year Report

15 May 2000

Members for the 1999/2000 academic year: Pat Quade, Kris MacPherson (IGS), chair, Dick Bodman (Humanities), Xun Pomponio (Social Sciences), Ted Vessey (Natural Sciences/Mathematics), Jan Roberts (Fine Arts), Chang Lee (Term One), Bob Hokanson (Term Two). Synneva Zempel provided technical support to the committee; Kathy Tuma and Helen Stellmaker also attended as needed and provided information.

Policies and Procedures (New/Revised)

- Developed a process for ongoing assessment and program review for all semester and year-long programs. Established a schedule for a ten-year cycle.
- Revised guidelines for establishing pilot proposals.
- Revised manual language for procedures to follow for Interim courses proposed for a second offering.
- Added a sixth member to Program Advisory Committees, selected from an appropriate area studies faculty and approved by the Director of IOS and the program advisor.
- Established policy that mentees may not bring family members with them on the interim for which they are mentees.
- Affirmed the decision to send field supervisors as a male/female team, either as colleagues or a married couple.
- Confirmed the difficulty of raising assistant field supervisor stipends because of the effect on the price of the program for students.
- Passed on a reminder to interim instructors to allow time for religious observances and personal reflections as possible.

Courses and Programs

- Approved the Term in the Middle East course proposal; green-sheeted it and took to the full faculty for approval.
- Established pilot programs for: University of Minnesota Dual Degree program in Engineering; Wesley Institute for Ministry and the Arts, Australia; Novgorod University, Russia; Hebrew University, Israel; and Telemark University College, Norway.
- Turned down a proposal for Schiller University, Germany.
- Reviewed proposals for 36 interim courses for 2001. Eventually 32 were offered.
- Reviewed the following programs as part of the ten year cycle of reviews: Curtin University, Australia; Study Service Programs in Indonesia, Korea and Germany; Program in Ghana; Program in Senegal (via Beloit College); ACM Zimbabwe and Tanzania; LCCT Tanzania.

Other

- Endorsed the recommendation to bring a Vietnamese professor to St. Olaf for 2000/01 through the United Board Visiting Scholars Program.
- The chair and the director of IOS participated in the selection of field supervisors for Global and Term in the Middle East for coming years.
- Various committee members hosted/mentored the Thai scholar here fall term, the two ECNU scholars here for the year, and the four Chang Mai University scholars here for January.

Unfinished Business

- Green sheets on Curtin University and the Program in Senegal need to be taken to the full faculty to move the programs from pilot to full status.
- Reviews for the Oregon Extension program and Oakridge Science need to be done.

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