

Advisory Committee on International Studies
October 27, 2006

In attendance: Marie Alice Arnold, Cori Filson, Deb Hall, Kate Leavitt, Leslie Mechem, Rajesh Nagarajan, Mary Beth O'Brien, Patricia Rubio

Agenda items:

1. Additional Petitions

OIP brought another petition to the committee. The new program is actually better suited to the student. The committee approved the program. The committee also recommended that OIP only bring to the committee petitions that are problematic or questionable in some regard.

Again the course approval process was discussed. Students should meet with advisor to see if they can graduate, chair can only tell them what course will count for toward major. Students must attach the course description and syllabus if possible. Otherwise chair cannot determine approval.

2. National Student Exchange

The committee had a number of recommendations to make regarding the development of the

exchange for financial reasons. Also in-state vs. out-of-state tuition lessens financial impact. As is an exchange paying for student coming here, there is no financial gain to college.

This would count towards one of a student's two study away semesters covered by financial aid.

The committee also wondered if there was any way to try to foster some closer ties to some of the NSE institutions through faculty exchange or visits? OIP thought we could arrange things one on one. Cori felt she had enough to re-draft the proposal to CEPP.

3. Program Integration/Pre-departure/Re-entry

Mary Beth had reviewed Doug Reilly's web resources on study abroad. She thought there were a number of ideas that looked good: Global Ambassador program, linking study abroad students with international students, Away Café/Abroad View – a space for students to share experiences, and promoting more work with Academic Festival. Mary Beth noted that there was a Union College connection that we should explore.

Cori will be away for the next scheduled meeting. The committee agreed that unless there was pressing business the committee will not meet November 10.