

**Advisory Committee on International Study
Meeting notes September 17, 2007**

Attendees: Erica Bastress-Dukehart, Chair, Sylvia Franke, Leslie Mechem, Cori Filson, Marie
alice Arnold

Action Items

- Cori to put together language for new OCSE Mission Statement.
- ACIS faculty members will look at the ACIS charge and suggest revisions.
- Marie alice to review non-approved program applications.
- Call for nominations for Program Evaluators to be sent out.

I. Mission Statement and CEPP charge to ACIS

Cori shared the original Mission Statement of the Office of International Programs with the committee. With the office name change it is an opportune time to review it for relevancy. The statement was created before the office was established. Some items in statement have never been tasked to the office. In addition the statement does not read like a mission statement. The committee agreed that the statement needed rewriting. Cori will put some language together for

OCSE reviewed with the committee the rationale of why Skidmore has decided to pilot the National Student Exchange program. This is a three-year pilot program that will be brought again to CEPP to determine if the program should be finalized or terminated at the close of the pilot period. ACIS will be instrumental in that review. Erica expressed concern that while goal two of the strategic plan specifically speaks of increasing efforts to get students overseas this program seems to already make an exception for a group of students (science students.) Cori clarified this domestic exchange is not intended to be an alternative for study abroad but an option for students whose academic disciplines might better be served through a domestic opportunity. Students who might be better served from a domestic exchange are students interested in ethnic studies, American studies, students interested in regional writers, or in Native American studies in addition to science students. Students will still be advised along academic needs, encouraging international off-campus study.

IV. How to process upcoming petitions

OCSE explained how non-approved applications are processed and reviewed for approval. Applicants to non-approved programs need to show a strong academic reason why none of the approved programs meet those academic needs. A lengthy program questionnaire is also required. The committee determined that they would like to review only those applications that OCSE determines to be questionable or problematic.

V. Time for future meetings

ACIS will meet once a month on a Monday from 7:30 am to 9:30 am. Selina will send out to the committee this semester's meeting schedule.