

Standing Committee Annual Report

Name of Committee or Council:

International Committee

Chair

Dr. Karen D. Sorenson, Professor of French

Meeting Dates in Current Year:

Full Committee: 9/10/2010; 11/19/2010;
2/16/11; and numerous subcommittee
meetings.

Major Actions or Accomplishments:

The International Standing Committee is charged with reviewing and making recommendations on new study-abroad and exchange program proposals; evaluating and making recommendations on existing programs; serving as a campus voice for state-wide discussions on international policies and programs; and assisting in the development of new strategic goals for the university in regards to international programs.

Reviewing new Study Abroad and Exchange proposals: There were several new international programs proposed in AY 2010-2011, including new short-term programs in Italy (Ceramics), Argentina (Spanish Language and Latin American Studies), Taiwan (Technology and Society), Austria (European Music at the Source) and a new Exchange program in Quebec. All program proposals were carefully reviewed by the committee, and all programs were recommended for approval and forwarded to the Provost, with the exception of the proposal for European Music at the Source, which was deferred until 2011-2012, so that further revisions could be made.

The Academic Review subcommittee of the International Committee reviewed TnCIS program proposals and made recommendations regarding APSU participation in those programs.

Supporting current International Programs at APSU:

In addition, the International Committee continued supporting current international programs at Austin Peay.

- We worked with the Coordinator of International Education throughout the year to support recruitment for new and existing Study Abroad programs.
- We continued our focus on best practices in international education, using the Forum for Education Abroad's *Standards of Good Practice for Short-Term Study Abroad* (2009) and *Code of Ethics for Education Abroad* (2008), as well as NAFSA and OSAC (Overseas Security Advisory Council) recommendations.
- We participated in the second mandatory Faculty Orientation for Coordinators of APSU Study Abroad programs (provided by the Office of International Education).

- The Scholarships subcommittee met to review applications and select recipients of study-abroad scholarships and travel grants.

Internationalizing the campus:

- The Faculty, Staff and Student International Research Opportunities Subcommittee (commonly known as the Fulbright subcommittee) of the International Committee brought numerous international scholars to campus to lecture, teach classes and develop additional opportunities for scholarly collaboration among our institutions. The duration of these visits ranged from a few days to up to one month in residence at Austin Peay. The visiting scholars included three scholars from our partner institution in Sweden, a scholar from our partner institution in Quebec and a Fulbright scholar from Russia. In addition, we had two visiting artists from our partner institution in Italy and a visit from the administrator at the Université d'Orléans who coordinates our Exchange program on their campus.

Goals for 2011-2012:

- Host one or more visiting Fulbright scholars and/or exchange scholars from one or more international partner institutions.
- Enhance support for APSU students participating in Study Abroad and Exchange programs.
- Strengthen the reporting and quality review process for existing Study Abroad and Exchange programs.
- Continue to study and implement best practices to support international students, faculty and US faculty doing research abroad.
- Provide support for International Service-Learning Opportunities for APSU students.
- Investigate opportunities for continued internationalization of academic programs.