

## Standing Committee Annual Report

**Name of Committee or Council:**

International Committee

**Chair**

Dr. Karen D. Sorenson, Professor of French and  
Coordinator of the International Studies Minor

**Meeting Dates in Current Year:**

Meetings of full committee: 9/19 and 1/26 as well as  
numerous subcommittee meetings and events

**Major Actions or Accomplishments:**

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

The September meeting of the International Committee reviewed four new Study Abroad program proposals using a new rubric designed by Dr. Marissa Chandler, Director of International Education. The proposals were all reviewed carefully by the members of the committee, and the committee's recommendations and comments were forwarded to Dr. Chandler.

The International Committee also helped plan and to provide active support for various international events scheduled for 2014-2015, including the Study Abroad Fair and International Night, as well as a very successful Study Abroad Reunion at Homecoming for alumni and current student study abroad participants.

The Committee participated in the mandatory APSU Faculty Orientation for Coordinators of Study Abroad programs (provided by the Office of International Education) and sent a representative to an URMIA conference on Emergency Management procedures for study abroad and exchange programs.

The January meeting of the International Committee continued our focus on examining and discussing best practices in international education, using the newest version of the Forum for Education Abroad's *Standards of Good Practice for Short-Term Study Abroad* as well as their *Code of Ethics for Education Abroad*.

Review of APSU policy 2:018 (Development and Operation of Off-Campus International Educational Programs), due for review by May 2016, was deferred pending upcoming revisions to TBR's International Guideline A076, anticipated for Summer 2015.

Goals and plans for 2015-2016 include: increasing recruitment of International Students; refining Emergency Management practices; implementing guidelines for add-on courses or adding faculty to existing Study Abroad programs; reviewing APSU Policy 2:018, and continuing to review existing Study Abroad and Exchange programs.