

## Standing Committee Annual Report

**Name of Committee or Council:**

International Committee

**Chair**

Dr. Karen D. Sorenson, Professor of French

**Meeting Dates in Current Year:**

11/18; 1/6; 2/9; 4/18

### 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.

In 2011-2012, the International Committee developed several new initiatives and followed through on assessing existing practices and processes.

- The International Committee provided support and participated in training for coordinators of faculty-led programs.
- The Study Abroad Assessment instrument was revised to include assessment of Student Learning Outcomes.
- The International Committee met with the Executive Director of TnCIS to explore ways in which TnCIS programs might better meet the needs of Austin Peay students.
- The Committee worked with the Coordinator to support recruitment for existing Study Abroad programs.
- We met to view and discuss the best practices webinar on Effective Management of Study Abroad programs (Magna Publications, coordinated at APSU by subcommittee chair Tammy Bryant).
- 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) as well as their *Code of Ethics for Education Abroad* (2008).
- We participated in the mandatory Faculty Orientation for directors of Study Abroad programs (provided by the Office of International Education).
- We reviewed TnCIS program proposals and made recommendations regarding APSU participation in those programs
- The Scholarships subcommittee met to review applications and select recipients of study-abroad scholarships

#### Goals for 2012--2013:

- Host a visiting Fulbright scholar
- Strengthen the reporting and review process for Study Abroad and Exchange programs
- Study and implement best practices to support international students, faculty and US faculty doing research abroad