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Action plan: During the pandemic year, our first meeting was on November 4, 2020. Given the instructions from L. Rutkowski (Nov. 12, 2020), the committee decided that, in addition to essential work, the major focus would be the visibility of international engagements on the SoE webpage.

Outcomes of committee work in chronological order:

1. **Meetings:** By April 16, 2021, we would have had 6 monthly meetings (Nov 4, Dec 9, Jan 22, Feb 17, March 19, April 16).
2. **Awards application reviews and recommendations (April, 2021):** The committee reviewed applications and selected recipients for the Outstanding International Engagement and Tilaar awards.
3. **Webpage (March 2021 and ongoing):** International engagements are now linked from the SoE's About under "International Engagement." <https://education.indiana.edu/>
4. **Survey (March 2021 and ongoing):** In collaboration with Scott Witzke, Sam Mills & Catherine Winkler, the committee developed and sent out on March, 19, 2021, an online survey currently drawing input from students, staff faculty on activities to populate the page.
5. **Survey follow-up by International committee (March 2021 and ongoing):** Members are undertaking ground level and follow-ups to the survey to support the work of Scott and his team. <https://education.indiana.edu/machform/view.php?id=382653>
6. **Townhall (March, 2021):** Four committee members presented at the March 19 SoE townhall convened by Interim Dean Morrone, to report on the committee's focus during the pandemic year, international graduate and undergraduate student enrollment in Spring 2021, existing international partners, outreach efforts and challenges from an international graduate student's perspective. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qg8CNh9u69BsgQ2nVFS48LZkurFDyhB9/view>
7. **Awards guidelines review (February 2021):** The committee reviewed and confirmed the eligibility guidelines for the Outstanding International Engagement award.
8. **Liaison Membership (February, 2021):** The committee advocated for and achieved the appointment of Vesna Dimitrieska as a permanent member of the international committee. As the SoE's representative in meetings on international activities across the IUB campus, her insights are invaluable to the work of the committee.
9. **Mission Statement Review (January, 2021):** Upon the request of Gayle Buck (ex officio), revisited and reconfirmed the mission of the international programs committee.
10. **Review of the Ad hoc International committee report (Dec, 2020):** After two requests, the committee was given access to the review the report that was completed in the Fall of 2019. The committee noted that the discussions reported were on establishing an SoE office for international affairs.
11. **Committee work (November 2020):** The committee was given the charge to resume activities during the pandemic year and a new chair (Pawan) was appointed.

Future Recommendations:

- Change the name of the committee from the International Program's Committee to International Engagement Committee
- Reconsider the Ad Hoc International committee's deliberations on establishing an SoE office for international affairs. Several members of the committee noted that such an office would be necessary to provide structure and continuity if SoE international activities are to have impact and visibility.
- Reconsider the SoE's stated mission of the committee as primarily a policy advisory board to the Policy Council. Over the years, the committee has been heavily involved as well in ground level activities and in advocacy.