

International Programs Committee Annual Report 201-2019

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Meeting Dates

September 6, 2018
October 4, 2018
November 15, 2018
January 17, 2019
February 21, 2019
March 28, 2019

Goals and Charges

- The committee met six times over the 2018-2019 academic year.
- The first meetings were focused on
 - Reviewing past year initiatives that we may have wanted to carry into this year
 - Sharing information about internationally-focused events that were scheduled in the current academic year
 - Providing updates for some international program (e.g., Global Gateway for Teachers; visiting scholars and Fulbright programs, etc.)
- The first major initiative of the year was to organize International Education Week celebration
- Over the year, there was considerable discussion of the need to:
 - Charge visiting scholars an application fee to offset SoE's costs related to these programs, and including a scholarship program to attract scholars from low-income countries
 - Identify and document all of the SoE's international programs
 - Examine the impact of the SoE's international programs for participants (e.g., visiting scholars; IU students, staff, and faculty) and their organizations and countries
 - Consider the purpose of the IPC and whether it can be a productive contributor to the SoE

Actions and Outcomes

- The School of Education has a tradition of displaying flags from many countries in the atrium to commemorate International Education Week. We learned that, every year, this practice evokes complaints. For example, some feel left out because their nation's flag is absent, others object the presence of flags from countries they think are oppressive. To recognize the many conflicting views, we developed a statement that we posted in the atrium while the flags were present. An email was also distributed with the statement.

- The IPC voted in favor of establishing an application fee for visiting scholars. Dean Watson made the decision to postpone implementation. IU has decided to initiate an application fee for visiting scholars and Dean Watson wants the SoE to wait until the IU process is developed.
- Seth Walker, Associate Director for International Admissions attended a meeting to discuss potential collaboration to implement student-centered approaches for recruiting international students. When asked what the process is for attracting graduate students. Mr. Walker recommended that we speak with Dan Whitmer who focuses on graduate student recruitment. The committee decided that Sarah Lubienski, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, should reach out to Mr. Whitmer directly to coordinate graduate student recruitment efforts.

Recommendations for Future Action

- Clarify the SoE's priorities regarding international programs
- Consider how to align IPC goals with those of the SoE's strategic plan
- Establish a process for documenting all SoE international programs and evaluating their impact
- Prepare to implement the visiting scholar application fee and scholarship when IU launches its process for this