

International Programs Committee Annual Report 2019-2020

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Meeting Dates

October 31, 2020
February 21, 2020
April 17, 2020

Goals and Charges

- The committee met three times over the 2019-2020 academic year.
- In the first meeting the IPC
 - Decided how International Education Week would be celebrated by the SoE in 2019
 - Discussed the role of the IPC in relation to international engagement initiatives instigated through the Office of the Dean. There was concern that the two separate efforts would be redundant, create gaps, or work at cross-purposes.
 - Considered how to re-conceptualize the SoE's international engagement to maximize participation, visibility, and growth of these activities
 - Voted to empanel an ad hoc committee to consider ways to coordinate, focus, and promote the SoE's international efforts more effectively
- While the ad hoc committee was doing its work, the IPC did not continue regular meetings.
- In the spring semester, the IPC met to develop and implement a procedure for awarding the inaugural Outstanding International Engagement Award. The impetus for developing this award came from the Office of the Dean.

Actions and Outcomes

- The committee met in February to plan the competition for the Outstanding International Engagement Award
- The announcement for the competition was released in early March
- The committee met in April to consider the two applications that had been submitted
- A letter announcing the IPC's recommendation for the Outstanding International Engagement awardee, as well as a rationale for that choice, was submitted to Gayle Buck on April 20

Recommendations for Future Action

It seems important that the future role of the IPC be carefully considered in light of the recommendations from the ad hoc Committee on International Engagement. Once the role of the IPC has been determined, the committee's past duties and charges should be examined to ensure that those responsibilities are met by the IPC or other entity under the new configuration.

Regardless of how the SoE structures the oversight and support of international activities in the future, the IPC recommends that the Outstanding International Engagement Award be continued.