

To: School of Education Policy Council
From: Heidi Ross, Chair, International Programs Committee (IPC)
RE: Annual Committee Report: Activities, Issues, Goals, 2004-2005

April 20, 2005

NOTE: The present institutional context in which we present this report strikes us as noteworthy. With an eye to declining international student enrolment here and across the country, Indiana University has begun a campaign to more aggressively recruit international students, particularly at the graduate level. At the same time, the number of countries represented by the 273 international students enrolled in the School of Education (SOE) is 60, a record number. Galvanizing the human and material resources to effectively support, educate and mentor this diverse constituency has been much on our minds throughout the 2004-2005 academic year.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES:

- 1.) Represented the SOE at the IU system-wide President's Council on International Programs convened by Dean Patrick O'Meara in December 2004.
- 2.) Met with a number of Office of International Studies, Office of International Programs, and SOE administrators and staff, including Dean Gonzalez, about international student applications and support, pressures on international students and support personnel from changes in federally required international student registration system (SEVIS) and their impact on the status requirements of international students; developed new set of guidelines, "staying in status," to inform international students of new changes and responsibilities (see attached).
- 3.) Developed and coordinated activities and services to improve support for visiting scholars and particularly international graduate students, including strengthening recruitment and orientation procedures, alumni relations, international student website, Goodwill Ambassador program. Discussed development of recruitment CD and outside funding for international activities, as well as findings from Sharon Pugh directed Survey of Climate in the SOE for International Students.
- 4.) Collaborated with directors of Title VI and other area studies centers in outreach activities to schools and to teacher education, as well as on research in the area of international and global education.
- 5.) Continued to explore ways to enable the SOE to establish a professionally-staffed office of international activities and studies; consulted with Terry Mason on name and mission change of Social Studies Development Center to the Social Studies and Transnational Education Center; strongly endorsed reconfiguration of center to serve as much needed "clearinghouse" for the international work undertaken by SOE faculty members, which is currently not systematically recognized and administered.

6.) Developed ad hoc committee on development of SOE international education/studies minor and designation of SOE courses for inclusion in COAS international studies minor/concentrations; members of committee included Terry Mason, Laura Stachowski, Luise McCarty, Nita Levison, Sharon Pugh, and Heidi Ross.

7.) Assisted Brian Winchester, the Center for the Study of Global Change, in development of *campus-wide graduate international studies minor* that will take effect in fall 2005.

8.) Served as liaison to and/or helped coordinate international linkage and partnership projects, including grant preparation, student and faculty exchange, support for program development, and Cultural Immersions site development in Indonesia, Macedonia, China, Thailand, Croatia, Japan, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

9.) At the request of Dean Gonzalez IPC committee will meet for strategic planning regarding SOE international activities during a “retreat” on May 2, 2005.

STAYING IN STATUS

Dear International Student,

The Graduate Studies Office would like to bring to your attention a very important issue.

STAYING IN STATUS

What does “Staying in Status” mean? Staying in status means continuously following all rules that apply to your visa status. Part of maintaining your status is being enrolled as a full-time student, not working without prior authorization and updating the Office of International Services with any changes in your academic program or personal information.

The Office of International Services (OIS) plays an important role in assisting you to maintain your visa status. Part of maintaining your status is reporting certain information to OIS so that your SEVIS record can be updated. The Office of International Services is located here on campus in Franklin Hall 306.

WHEN YOU NEED TO CONTACT OIS:

You change from being a Masters student to a PhD student.

You are admitted to a new program.

- You change your “major” or field of study. For example: you decide to study Language Education instead of Instructional Systems Technology.
- You change your address. For example: You have been living in Halls of Residence on campus for any period of time and then move to another apartment or house, (on or off campus) OR you move from one residence hall to another (on or off campus)
- Your name changes on your passport
- You plan to transfer from one University to another one
- You change from one campus to another campus within the same University system
- You wish to work on or off campus & need work authorization
- Your immigration paperwork will expire soon.
- You need to drop below full-time enrollment. (Generally full-time can be considered 12 credit hours for undergraduates and 8 for graduates, however there are some exceptions.
- Your source of funding has changed.

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to your visa status, please contact OIS located in Franklin Hall 306.

