

## **ANNUAL REPORT – INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Submitted to Policy Council April 14, 2008

Chair: Martha Nyikos (reappointed in August 2007).

### **MEMBERS: Faculty and Staff**

E. Boling, M. Edwards, C. Gray, K. Hallett-Rupp, D. Hinderliter-Ortloff, D. Hutton, H. Kahn, M. Manifold, T. Mason, L. McCarty, M. McMullen, H. Ross, L. Stachowski, R. Stockton, M. Talbot, E. Wood.

### **STUDENTS**

L. Featherstone, P. Ramsey.

### **MISSION: 2007 -2008**

The IPC was charged with the responsibility of creating a plan to develop and support our continuing global education strategy and set new goals through a one-time Global and International Initiatives Fund of \$100,000, offered to the Committee by the Dean of the School of Education. The proposal for the Global and International Initiative Fund was submitted to the Dean in December 2006; therefore, the main focus of Committee activities for the 2007-2008 academic year has centered on developing, publicizing, granting, and managing four awards that promote the international and global education goals of the School of Education.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES**

Number of meetings held in 2007-2008: six full committee meetings (as of April 2008) and seven subcommittee meetings; one additional full committee meeting and one subcommittee meeting are scheduled for the spring semester. Funds were earmarked for a GA and four types of grants.

#### **Graduate Student Assistant:**

Paul J. Ramsey, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, was hired in August 2007 to promote IPC initiatives and assist at the Center for Social Studies and International Education. The graduate assistant has also been charged with collecting and distributing information about the IPC grants listed below, as well as other international-oriented grants originating outside of the School of Education.

#### **Graduate Student International Conference Travel Grants:**

The Graduate Student International Conference Travel Grant aimed at supporting travel to an international conference to present the student's research. Graduate students in any department in the IUB School of Education presenting a paper at an internationally oriented conference in the U.S. or abroad were eligible for the grant.

There were two rounds of competition for the Graduate Student International Conference Travel Grant. The first round funded travel from June 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007; the deadline for

submissions was October 22, 2007. The IPC received seven applications. The Grant Selection Subcommittee, composed of M. Nyikos, H. Kahn, and M. N. Shafiq (serving as outside evaluator), met on October 31, 2007 and found that all of the applicants met the IPC criteria; the subcommittee granted graduate students seven awards totaling \$2,250.

The second round covered travel from January 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008; the deadline was on April 1, 2008. The IPC received thirty-one applications. The Grant Selection Committee, composed of E. Boling, L. McCarty, and M. Nyikos, met on April 7 and April 10, 2008; the subcommittee funded thirteen applicants totaling \$7,100.

#### **Graduate Student Pre-Dissertation Research Grants:**

This award aimed at supporting students at the pre-dissertation phase who needed to conduct exploratory research in an international setting in order to apply for dissertation research funding and/or complete their dissertation proposal. The grant supported four- to eight-week trips for preliminary dissertation field activities, such as exploring potential research sites, archives and other research resources; establishing institutional affiliations; and identifying and meeting with local scholars, administrators and contacts as appropriate. The IPC worked with the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs (OVPIA), which also offered a pre-dissertation grant, in order to ensure that the funding of particular students was not duplicated.

The deadline for applications for this grant was February 18, 2008, and the IPC received thirteen applications. The Grant Selection Subcommittee, composed of E. Boling, M. Manifold, and H. Ross, voted to fund ten of the applications; three were rejected. Four of the IPC awardees were funded by the OVPIA, and the remaining six received a \$1,000 stipend and round-trip airfare (not to exceed \$2,500). \$15,000 of the IPC funds were used for this grant.

#### **Faculty International Networking and Collaboration Grants:**

The Faculty International Networking and Collaboration Grant provided faculty members with opportunities to internationalize their research and to participate as members of the community of global scholars. This grant specifically supported internationally oriented research, scholarly activity, partnerships and outreach endeavors.

There were two rounds of competition for this grant. The first round funded international networking and collaboration between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008. The deadline for application was November 5, 2007. The IPC received two applications. The Grant Selection Subcommittee for this grant, composed of T. Mason, M. Manifold, and D. Hutton, met on November 13, 2007 and awarded \$2,000 in grants (\$1,000 to D. Hossler, and \$1,000 to R. Martinez).

The second round covered international activities between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008. The deadline for this round was April 7, 2008. The IPC received ten applications, and a Grant Selection Committee will review these within the next two weeks. Details about this round of competition will be listed in the next annual report.

#### **Faculty International Education Grants:**

The Faculty Global and International Education Grants were awarded to undergraduate course development plans (listed under School of Education) that encouraged greater student awareness

of global and international issues. The grant supported whole courses, or modules within courses, that allowed students to explore issues and modes of internationalization and globalization in the context of their subject and teaching.

The deadline for applications for this grant was February 18, 2008, and the IPC received three applications. The Grant Selection Subcommittee, composed of C. Gray, K. Hallett-Rupp, and D. Hutton, met on February 26, 2008 and found all three applications worthy of funding. The subcommittee granted \$8,000 (M. Nyikos received \$3,000; M. N. Shafiq received \$3,000; and J. Damico received \$2,000).

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **Website:**

The International Programs Committee maintains a website (<http://site.educ.indiana.edu/InternationalProgramsbrCommitteebr/tabid/6161/Default.aspx>), which is regularly updated by the graduate assistant. The website provides information and applications for the four IPC grants, overviews the activities of the committee, and has links to other websites related to international activities. The graduate assistant also regularly posts external international grant information on the IPC web pages.

### **Internationalizing Teacher Education:**

During the 2007-2008 academic year, the IPC has made internationalizing teacher education a priority. At the full committee meetings throughout the year, the IPC has put forth recommendations for projects on the internationalization of teacher education, including proposals for hosting a conference and an online journal devoted to the topic. (In January 2008, the committee submitted a proposal for the Mellon Sawyer Seminar Series to fund these projects, but the proposal was not funded). The IPC also continues to seek external grants and donors to fund such endeavors.

## **IPC COMMITTEE GUESTS**

### **Tom Brush:**

On January 18, 2008, Brush, working with a School of Education committee to improve writing skills, sought input from IPC members about how to best serve international students' writing endeavors. The IPC stated that it would perhaps be best if Brush interviewed willing members individually. The committee members did offer Brush some suggestions, including the examination of other units' efforts on campus (e.g. Writing Instructional Tutorial Services) and of the extent to which these writing tutorial services at IUB were utilized.

### **Dean Gerardo Gonzalez:**

On April 10, 2008, Dean Gonzalez met with the IPC to report on the Longview Foundation's conference that he attended in Washington D.C. The theme of the conference was the internationalization of teacher preparation, a topic in which the IPC is very much interested. After the Dean's summary of the conference, the IPC members discussed with the Dean the possibility of launching its own conference on the internationalization of teacher education. The Dean supported this initiative.

## **CONTINUING CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Continuation of the IPC Activities:**

The IPC would like for its activities, including its grant-making endeavors, to continue beyond the 2007-2008 academic year. The committee, therefore, recommends the retention of a graduate assistant to monitor the IPC's current grants and to assist with post-grant reports; these duties are particularly needed for the Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, the Faculty Global and International Education Grant, and the Faculty International Networking and Collaboration Grant, all of which carry over into the 2008-2009 academic year.

The graduate assistant also would help find external sources of funding to sustain the IPC activities, as well as continue to disseminate information about extramural grants for graduate students.

### **Supporting International Graduate Students:**

The IPC is committed to being an advocate for IUB's international students. The committee, therefore, recommends that it and other units continue to support international students with their grant opportunities and grant writing endeavors. This, along with other forms of support for research that can be advertized, would support the School of Education's efforts at recruitment and retention.

*The Committee Chair would like to thank the committee members for their dedication and support of our international efforts, students, visiting scholars, and visitors. The International Programs Committee would also like to thank the Dean's Office for the generous support and flexibility in earmarking the funds extended to the Committee.*