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To: Cal Poly Academic Senate

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Topic: 2006-07 Year-End Report of the Academic Council on International Programs

The CSU Faculty Representative to the Academic Council on International Programs (ACIP) is responsible for assisting the Office of International Programs in developing policies for international education, selecting and advising students applying to study abroad, and acting as a liaison between faculty, students, and administrators. As in previous years, I have been involved in the following activities: conducting interviews (with faculty, staff, and alumni committee members) and writing evaluations for students who have applied to International Programs, serving on international scholarship award committees, establishing policies for creating new programs or suspending existing programs, advising resident director applicants, and meeting with Cal Poly International Education and Programs staff about selection and orientation for students and faculty.

Various issues dealing with the ACIP are reported on below:

CSU IP Enrollment

- A total of 757 CSU students (out of 802) were accepted to CSU IP for 2007-08. The number of students accepted increased by over 10% in comparison to last year.
- A total of 73 Cal Poly students (out of 86) were accepted to CSU IP for 2007-08. Another 6 students are applying to study in Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, which are on the southern hemisphere calendar.

Funding

- Operating expenses have increased by 12% (due to exchange rates, tuition costs, and rents), but funding for CSU IP has remained unchanged.
- Beginning in summer 2007, CSU IP has instituted a summer fee for preparatory language programs and orientations. A technology fee of approximately \$50 will also be charged to students in the Italy program. Finally, CSU IP is exploring having students pay a study abroad fee to offset some of the program costs. In addition to the new fees, CSU IP is applying for lottery funding as well as for CSU funding for budget shortfalls and program growth.

Wang Scholarship Recipients and Italy Resident Directorship

- Two Cal Poly students, Kelly Cheng and Ashely Reilley, have been selected as recipients of the Wang Family Scholarship for study abroad. Each scholarship is for \$4,000 and will assist in covering expenses for study through CSU IP in Taiwan.
- Aypios Chatziioanou, Cal Poly Chair and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, will be the Resident Director in Florence, Italy for CSU IP in 2007-08.

Status of CSU International Programs

- A new program entitled Learn About Mexican Education and Teaching in Action (LA META) has been developed by CSU IP in cooperation with its Mexican partner university, ITESM in Quertaro. This program offers students preparation in Mexican language and culture as well as exposure to Mexican primary and/or secondary education. A total of 10 students who are considering teaching as a career have been accepted to LA META for 2007-08.
- The BCLAD Program in Mexico has again been suspended due to lack of enrollment in 2007-08.
- A new Learn Language in Spain Program is in the process of being developed by the ACIP. The language requirement for admission to this program would be one to three semesters of Spanish. Although criteria for site selection along with numerous sites were discussed, no decision has been made concerning the site location.
- CSU IP in Ghana will complete its first year of operation with 9 students. Health and safety issues have arisen and have been subsequently addressed. The CSU will continue to partner with the UC in Ghana.

ACIP Developments

- The ACIP adopted Guidelines for New Program Development proposed by the Academic and Fiscal Affairs Committee (AFAC). Such guidelines provide direction concerning program sites, areas of emphasis, use of resident directors, and funding issues.
- The ACIP voted to approve voting rights for CSU Coordinator Liaisons and to allow them to be selected as Chair of ACIP and Chairs of standing committees. A resolution to change the ACIP by-laws will be drafted and submitted to the CSU Trustees for their consideration.
- The ACIP continues to explore ways in which each campus representative can receive release time for their activities. The decision to grant an ACIP member release time, however, is made by the Academic Senate on each CSU campus.

This year I completed my two-year term as Chair of the Academic and Fiscal Affairs Committee (AFAC). I continue to be grateful to the Academic Senate for granting me four hours of release time to serve on the ACIP. Cal Poly plays a very important role in CSU IP with one of the highest enrollments of the 23 CSU campuses. In addition, Cal Poly sends the vast majority of students to Denmark and Italy through the Architecture program.

I am honored to serve on the ACIP and remain confident that study abroad through CSU IP is one of the most effective ways for Cal Poly students to pursue international education.