

**FY-14 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FINAL REPORT
May 7, 2014**

This is the final report for FY-14 International Affairs Committee.

The committee members were as follows: Chair: **Geraldo Sousa**, English (2016); **Aaron Scurto**, Chemical & Petroleum Engr, (2015); **Antha Cotten-Spreckelmeyer**, Humanities & Western Civ (2016) **Glen Adams**, Psychology (2016); **Peter Haney**, Center for Latin American Studies, Unclassified Representative (2016); **Marion Dyer**, Int'l Student & Scholar Services, University Support Staff Representative (2016); **Zunwu Zhou**, Student, z185z632@ku.edu; **Haider Tarar**, Student, h865t373@ku.edu; and ex-officio, **Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco**, Associate Vice Provost, International Programs.

Standing charges

The committee met three times (October 25, 2013; March 28, 2014; and April 25, 2014). We heard reports on matters related to IP, including such matters as the organizational structure and lines of reporting in IP, the International Travel Registration Procedure/Policy, and matters related to KUAAP and partnership with Shorelight Education. We also engaged in a number of productive conversations about how to increase opportunities for KU students to study abroad, including ways for students to complete requirements for their majors/degrees through semester or year-long exchange programs, semesters abroad, and short-term programs. We have had ongoing discussions, which we hope to continue next year, about KU Core Curriculum Goal # 4, and how to support and expand existing study abroad opportunities, as well as to create new opportunities, including opportunities to enhance the international experience of our students at KU.

The International Affairs Committee also discussed the partnership between KU and Shorelight Education and the KU Academic Accelerator Program (KUAAP) at our meetings. Although we did not take part in the discussions between KU and Shorelight, we were provided information from time to time through Associate Vice Provost for International Programs and, in more detail by Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Sara Rosen. Professor Rosen gave a detailed report on KUAAP and the KU-Shorelight partnership and answered the Committee's questions at our last meeting of the semester on April 25. Committee members have raised a number of questions and concerns, and we have also offered to be of assistance, as needed, and as the KUAAP program is implemented in the Fall semester of 2014.

Specific Charges

The Committee discussed how effective the changes in this committee have been. We feel that the function of the Committee does not seem to be very clear, since all IP divisions report either directly to the Associate Vice Provost for International Programs or through the Assistant Vice Provost and Executive Director for International Programs; therefore, it is unclear how units within IP might bring business before the Committee; it is also unclear how others across the university might bring their concerns before this Committee. After discussion, **it was decided not to recommend any changes at the present time.** Instead, this Committee intends to provide forum for discussion of issues related to IP and have representatives from units under the purview of the International Programs provide reports on a regular basis. However, we need suggestions about how to reach KU faculty, students, and staff, so that we can identify their concerns for discussion and action on issues related to international affairs.

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