

**FY-14 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FINAL REPORT
April 20, 2015**

This is the final report for FY-15 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); Dave Weakley, Kansas Unions-Campus Dining, University Support Staff Representative (2016); Sam Eastes, Student; Andres Hernandez, Student; ex-officio, Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco, Associate Vice Provost, International Programs.

Standing charges & Specific Charges

The committee met three times (October 28, 2014; November 18, 2014; and April 6, 2015) We heard reports on matters related to IP, KUAAP, and partnership with Shorelight Education. We also engaged in a number of productive conversations about international student recruitment and enrolment and cooperation across the university. Our discussions centered on the KU Academic Accelerator Program (KUAAP)/Shorelight Partnership. For example, at the October 28, 2014 meeting we heard reports from the Associate Vice Provost, International Programs, who provided a thorough and in-depth overview of KUAAP, reports from AEC, and reports from both the Managing Director and the Student Services Director of KUAAP. A Assessment Pilot Plan for KUAAP has been developed and is being implemented in stages. Curriculum changes have been made to the KUAAP program. Reports were presented on these curriculum changes, and the implementation of the assessment plan, as well as a follow-up report on KUAAP Student Services. Our impression is that in its first year KUAAP has been very successful.

The Senior Provost for Academic Affairs made a presentation to the Committee on United North American Universities, a consortium of four founding universities and Shorelight Education. This is modeled after a long-standing program in the UK, and through this consortium KU will be able to recruit international students in specific parts of the world. This will help diversify the student population. It is hoped that the program will help grow undergraduate programs, including those at the Edwards Campus.

Specific Charges

We do not have any recommendations for change regarding the International Affairs Committee. It has been functioning very well. As reported last year, 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. This is a matter for continuing discussion. This Committee provides a forum for discussion of issues related to IP and have representatives from units under the purview of the International Programs, which are provided with the opportunity to present regular reports. However, we still need suggestions from University Senate about how to reach KU faculty, students, and staff, so that we can identify their concerns for discussion and act on issues related to international affairs.

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