

FY-14 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FINAL REPORT
April 13, 2016

This is the final report for FY-16 International Affairs Committee.

The committee members were as follows:

Chair: Geraldo Sousa, English (2016)

Faculty: Melissa Birch, Business, Faculty (2018)

Faculty: Antha Cotten-Spreckelmeyer, Humanities & Western Civ (2016)

Faculty: Celka Straugh, Spencer Museum of Art

Staff: Peter Haney, Center for Latin American Studies, Staff (2016)

Staff: Alexis McLinley Jones, Study Abroad

Student & Vice Chair: Nanyi Deng, n403d940@ku.edu,

Student: Saharat Peampongsant, saharat@ku.edu,

Ex-officio, Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco, Associate Vice Provost, International Programs

Standing charges & Specific Charges

The standing charges are to (1) hear reports on strategic planning and activities from IP units, suggest changes or new directions, and facilitate collaboration among faculty and administrative units; (2) review and provide input on new policies that relate to international research and teaching; and (3) identify concerns or issues for discussion and action related to KU's international affairs from students, faculty, and staff. The specific charge we were given was to monitor the KU Academic Accelerator Program and the partnership between KU and Shorelight. Collect data on the success of students in the program and share specific data with SenEx. Report to SenEx by **December 1, 2015**.

The committee met twice (November 4, 2015; February 16, 2016), and the committee also conducted some of its business over email. 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, specifically addressing the special charge; namely, to prepare a report with specific data about the KU Academic Accelerator Program. The report was completed on November 25, 2015 and forwarded to Governance/SenEx. Subsequently, we had a follow-up report on KU AAP on February 6, 2016, including new initiatives about a graduate-level/Master's program and expand the KUAAP for undergraduate, as well as about the efforts to diversify the student population. KUAAP is in the process of collecting data on the success of students in the program. Likewise, we heard reports and updates from IP and AEC. We were also provided information about the on-going discussions about the proposed Institute of International Affairs.

We have not made any recommendations for change regarding the International Affairs Committee. It has been functioning very well, although finding a time for committee meetings was a challenge both in the fall and in the spring semesters. As reported the previous two years, 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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