

ANNUAL REPORT

University Standing Committee on International Programs

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Number of times committee met: 08

RECOMMENDATIONS

Please note, that recommendations/solutions have been incorporated into the summary of discussions below.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

The major focus of CIP meetings was to explore how to expand and enrich the faculty, staff, and student engagement in international and cross-cultural learning for the globalization efforts of the NCSU.

There were six proposals for the request for the Internationalization Seed Grant program and CIP members reviewed the proposals for selecting the prospective proposals. The CIP members also engaged in selecting the applicants for the Jackson Rigney International Service Award.

The CIP committee considers the following issues are important for paying attention to furthering the globalization efforts of NCSU:

1. The number of faculty and students engaged in international and cross-cultural learning has gone up because of various globalization efforts of NCSU. However, a considerable percentage of the faculty and students have not yet engaged in international and cross-cultural learning. This is an important issue within the context of NCSU's globalization efforts. Possible reasons associated with this issue are:
 - a. Lack of faculty awareness and interests (Solutions: Creating interests, expanding communication, rewarding global engagement, creating awareness through new faculty orientation, expanding the global learning for all program opportunities)
 - b. Lack of resources and opportunities (Solutions: Provide additional resources - such as seed funding, sabbatical leave - and create additional opportunities to help faculty engage in international research and education)
 - c. Underutilization of the international faculty, staff, visiting scholars, and student community of NCSU (Solutions: Creating programs to further increase the interactivity among the international community with the rest of the NCSU community for greater benefits.)
2. High cost of study abroad program to participate for many students (Solution: Scholarships, Further expansion of COIL efforts for students)

3. Lack of recognition of faculty international engagement in the RPT process
4. Lack of affordable housing and support services for visiting scholars and international graduate students is becoming an important issue in the Raleigh area close to campus. This issue is especially very critical for securing the short-term rental needs of visiting scholars. (As a long-term solution, it is important to build and maintain flexible and affordable housing for visiting scholars and graduate students and to provide other support services such as shared office space, onboarding support, and other services for global partners and both campus and community groups that have international/global program needs.)
5. Keeping faculty, staff, and students in the communication loop of NCSU global engagement.
6. Development of suitable metrics for the assessment of the progress toward the strategic goals of the university's global engagement and communication of those with the university community.

RECOMMENDATION FOR REVISION OF CHARGE AND/OR MEMBERSHIP CONFIGURATION (if applicable)