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To: Dr. Leo C. Kempel, Acting Dean
   College of Engineering

From: Abraham Engeda,  
   College of Engineering Representative to 
   University Committee on International Studies & Programs

Re: Activities Summary for the University Committee on International Studies & Programs

In support of MSU’s goal of expand international reach-through academic, research, and economic development initiatives and global, national, and local strategic alliances; the university Advisory/Consultative (ACC) Committee to International Studies and Programs is charged by the faculty governance system with reviewing contracts and linkages with overseas programs to ensure that proposed agreements meet MSU standards. Furthermore the ACC gives input on any activity that has international component.

The ACC is composed of three sub-committees: Communications, International Agreements, Policies and Procedures. Through these three sub-committees, the ACC mostly reviews international contracts and agreements making sure the contracts and agreements seek to foster partnership and collaboration that foster mutually beneficial intellectual and scholarly exchange and exploration. In this respect, contracts and agreements should provide genuine benefits to the host country, to the university’s academic programs, and to the wider intellectual community. Contracts and agreements may involve just individual scholars, teams, departments, area centers, institutes, colleges, or intercollegiate consortia.

The ACC meeting is chaired by the Dean of MSU’s International Studies and Programs (ISP) and meets once every 4/5 weeks.

In 2012-13 academic year, the major ACC activities consisted of:
1. Linked colleges and ISP priorities for research, education and engagement.

2. Reviewed and approved international agreements & Reviewed and revised current policies and procedures.

3. Major activity in this academic year, was serving as a re-appointment review committee for the Dean of International Studies & Programs (working with the Provost & Asst.-Provost Terry Curry).

4. Held discussion on its committee members roles & strategies for promoting connection to their units.

5. Considered and evaluated Dr. Arjun Singh as a candidate for the ISP Assistant Dean for Educational Programming.

6. Carried out a long discussion on MSU’s OSA Travel Security addressing requirements, restrictions and coordination.

7. Carried out a long discussion on the Fulbright Program addressing new changes and updates and how MSU can benefit from the program.

cc.: Dr. Alex Diaz, ME Chair