

International Education Council Charges for 2007-2008

In addition to the work specified in the IEC's Council Role Statement and the work of the IEC's Standing Committee, the Executive Board charges the IEC to consider, as a committee of the whole or through the appropriate subcommittee or task force, the following issues:

1. Review and make recommendations for internationalization of the WMU curriculum to better prepare students for their future roles in a global workplace.
 - Take leadership in working with community leaders to assess and make recommendations regarding needs for globalization of WMU's curriculum.
2. Assess and make recommendations regarding how Western Michigan University is serving the needs (academic and otherwise) of our international students.
3. Joint charge with the Graduate and Undergraduate Studies Councils:
 - Review recruitment and retention of international graduate students with graduate coordinators.
4. Review all curricular issues that relate to WMU students who engage in study abroad, international students who study at WMU, and curricular recommendations for international education at WMU.
 - Consider establishing a subcommittee with USC and GSC to address curricular issues relating to international studies
5. Faculty development:
 - Using the IEC's report of spring 2007, address general and concrete steps for development of a strategic plan for internationalization of the University.
6. Examine existing practices at other institutions in integrating the study of a foreign language with disciplinary study. Consult with the Spanish and Foreign Languages Departments to determine how "languages across the curriculum" (LAC) might be pursued at WMU.
7. Continue support for the Study Abroad Fair

NOTE: It is understood the IEC will continue to work closely with the Haenicke Institute for Global Education (HIGE). The International Education Council is free to determine the specifics of how to address these charges and other tasks it wishes to engage in during 2007 - 2008. The IEC is requested to keep the Executive Board apprised of progress, especially in connection with any memorandum of action (MOA), which it may develop, and to give ample notice of intent to bring action or reports to the full Faculty Senate. Also, at the end of 2007-08, the IEC is asked to provide the Executive Board with a summary of its progress on the above charges and suggest charges for the following year.