

International Studies Program

Spring 2012 Update

Advisory Board

The International Studies Program elected an advisory board late in the semester. We expect to be “back on track” with the 2012-2013 cycle. Serving members are: Mike Chambers (chair), Kathleen Heath (IS advisor), Tim Hawkins, Rick Lotspeich, Lisa Calvin (COP rep.), Ann Rider (COP rep), Janis Halpern (ex officio). You should have received a prompt from Mike Chambers to vote for 2012-2013 representatives.

IS 490

The Advisory Board spent most of its time putting substance to the capstone course requirement. The course has been designed to require students to attend two in-class meetings, at which IS faculty will discuss strategies for synthesis of programmatic areas in a presentation and also presentation requirements pertaining to design (ppt and poster presentations).

The process now requires students to “declare” their intent to enroll in IS 490 in the previous semester (they should do so through the IS advisor, currently Kathleen Heath). Students will then be guided to find a faculty “sponsor,” who is then responsible for mentoring the student through the presentation and assigning the grade. Once the sponsor has been identified, the faculty member will appear as the instructor of record for the IS 490 course in which the particular student is enrolled. We hope that this will ensure that faculty receive credit for the mentoring work that they do, and solidify the relationship between student mentee and sponsor. Assessment guidelines for the presentation were also developed. All materials for the IS 490 course will be posted on the Blackboard site for the International Studies Program.

Two students completed IS 490 this semester: Caitlyn Clark (sponsored by Lisa Calvin), Bailey Hall (sponsored by Tim Hawkins).

In conjunction with IS 490, we held the first IS reception for faculty and students. This will be a regular event each semester as more students prepare to meet the requirement. It is an excellent way for the faculty to come together and to show support to our diverse student cohorts.

Advising

Kathleen Heath has been appointed IS advisor for all IS program minor students. Centralizing advising will help keep students on track and well apprised of changes in the curriculum. We appreciate that Kathleen is willing to take on this role and she has done an excellent job so far navigating the curricular hurdles.

Curriculum

The move to the new IS minor curriculum has not been without glitches. Foremost is the fact that students who entered the University prior to the approval of the new curriculum are still on the old program and cannot be “grandfathered” into the new one easily. Kathleen is working with students on the old program to petition for courses that are no longer available. This has been a challenge, but is solvable. One thing that we noted is that students in the Honors Program are still seeing the old program curriculum in their DARs. If you are advising students who are enrolled in the Honors Program, we do know about the problem. Contact Kathleen Heath if there are any concerns.

Awards and Scholarships:

Congratulations to our International Studies awardees:

Faculty Recognition

Congratulations go also to Leslie Barratt, a long time IS affiliate faculty member, for her award of the Lloyd W. Benjamin III Medal for International Service. “In recognition of outstanding contributions toward building awareness of and appreciation for the diversity of cultures comprising today’s global society”.

Ronald W. Dunbar was recognized at the Interdisciplinary Programs Honors Reception for his long service to International Studies. Ron will go on phased retirement at the end of Spring 2012.

From IP Council of Programs

Rep. Lisa Calvin and Ann Rider have been working with COP on the following issues:

- travel funding: IP has developed a process by which all faculty in IP programs can submit for travel funding. See the IP website for details.
- New programs procedures proposal: IP completed a draft of the procedure for welcoming new programs into IP in Spring of 2011. The proposal was approved, but there continues to be discussion about some aspects.
- Philosophy Department: The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences has asked IP and Philosophy to enter into discussions about the possibility of IP as a new home for Philosophy. Those discussions are on-going.
- Anne Foster was acting director of Interdisciplinary Programs for Spring 2012. We certainly appreciate Anne’s leadership. Keri Yousif will return as director as of May 14, 2012.

Blackboard site for IS program

- Every affiliate faculty member should be enrolled in the IS Program Blackboard site. This is the place to find Advisory Board minutes, curriculum information, by-laws and other information useful to IS affiliate faculty. If you are not enrolled in the Blackboard site, please notify Barb McNeill.

Upcoming for 2012-2013

Next year the Advisory Board will have several issues to begin with. We would like to establish a means by which new faculty can become affiliate faculty of IS. We have no procedures in place at this time.

Also, IS is listed as a partner in the Unbounded Possibilities proposal Center for Global Engagement and International Programs. The Advisory Committee will be looking at how that collaboration might be supported. Below is the Spring 2012 Report.

A committee of faculty consisting of Aruna Chadra, Carole Yaw, Susan Frey, Ethan Strigas, Feng-Qi Lai, and Brian Kilp met with Office of International Programs and Services staff and distributed \$87,000 in student grants to support short-term, faculty-led travel. Eight programs representing the College of Technology, the College of Nursing, Health and Human Services, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Bayh College of Education, and the Scott College of Business will include course-based travel experiences for Indiana State University students in 2013. The funds are part of the Center for Global Engagement's Unbounded Possibilities efforts. In the fall of 2013, there will be a student research symposium allowing participating students the opportunity to report on their experiences. Efforts are also underway to plan the first Lee Hamilton Global Symposium that will take place in the spring of 2013.

Plans for International Events?

IS faculty are strongly encouraged to let the Advisory Committee know of ways in which IS can be supportive to you and your departmental international activities. IS has some funding available for travel support, bringing in speakers, and other activities that enhance the international academic co-curriculum.