

International Working Group Report

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The International Working Group (IWG) met during AY 2013-2014 and discussed the implementation of the international goals of the Strategic Plan. The main goal of the Plan is to increase the participation rate of undergraduate study abroad to 30% within five years. The participation rate is the percentage of undergraduate students who go abroad on approved programs compared to the undergraduate degrees awarded in a given year.

To accomplish this goal, the Plan allocated funds to staff international programs coordinators in the College's and the Office of International Programs. These coordinators will be working very closely with faculty and staff to increase the number of outgoing students to meet the Plan's goals.

The Plan envisioned cost-sharing with the College Deans and this has been accomplished. IP Coordinators are now in place on a direct cost shared basis in CAL and PSFA. Equivalent cost arrangements have been worked out with CBA, CoEd, HHS and COS. The only College that has not yet participated has been Engineering. I will be meeting with the new Dean to discuss Engineering's participation during the summer.

The IWG has also been discussing a comprehensive data management system to handle both incoming and outgoing students. We have met with the relevant IT people on campus and will be deciding what is the best system that will serve the various constituents involved in international activities, such as OIP, CES, Enrollment Management, Risk Management and the ISC.

The IWG will be monitoring the performance of the IP Coordinators in the Colleges to determine the effectiveness of their activities, using as the main metric the number of outgoing students going abroad.

