

International Studies Academic Planning Council
Wednesday October 20, 2004
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
206 Ingraham Hall

Agenda

1. Approve minutes of the May 7, 2004 meeting*
2. Action Item: Review and adopt policy statement on the critical importance of FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) fellowships for the International Institute and its member programs*
3. Action Item: CREECA Safety Net Request (SLA in the Slavic Department)*
4. Other business:
 - a) Discussion Items for the rest of 2004-2005
 - b) Other business or announcements

* Materials sent in attachments

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Draft Minutes of the APC Meeting Held May 7, 2004

Present: S. Albuquerque, M. Barnett, L. Boswell, G. Bousquet, D. Cowell, I. Coxhead, M. Curtin, J. Cutter, J. Delehanty, C. Halaby, M. Hauner, C. Meschievitz, J. Raducha, A. Songolo, A. Tripp, J. Zeitlin; guests and observers R. Hess, L. Payne, C. Williams, J. Elder, F. Buttell, C. Elholm.

1. The minutes of the April 16, 2004 meeting were approved (after noting a typing error that will be corrected).
2. The APC discussed the selection of the faculty seed position to support. Three proposals were reviewed and discussed: a) African Studies and Anthropology's request for a medical anthropology hire, b) International Studies and Agricultural and Applied Economic's request for an international studies development economics hire, and c) LACIS and Political Science's request for a hire in latin american studies and comparative politics. Gilles summarized the main points of the process, and noted this will help create new core faculty who will teaching at least 25% for the sponsoring program. The APC then voted paper ballots on a scale of 1 (high), 2 (medium) and 3 (lower), with the following ranked results:

Rank 1 – International Studies Development Economics (24 votes)

Rank 2 – Medical Anthropology (30 votes)

Rank 3 – Latin American Studies (36 votes)

Gilles indicated he would next discuss the rankings with the relevant deans and report on the capacity to finalize one and perhaps even two seed positions in the coming weeks.

3. Professors Joe Elder and Fred Buttell discussed the new changes in the curriculum and degree requirements for the PhD in Development Studies. To improve and strengthen the program, the faculty have boosted the social science base of the program. They will seek to raise funds to attract top students, and see potential for collaborations with other development studies program overseas. The PhD has obtained Graduate School approval for their new degree plans, but needs to locate a new administrative home by late Fall 2004 to continue to admit new students. Buttell concluded that with some transitional funds, the exact amount unspecified, the program could be transformed into a small but quality PhD program. The APC discussed the program in terms of the intellectual basis for development studies work per se as well as the administrative needs of the doctoral degree program. No conclusions were reach and the APC continued the item for further discussion in Fall 2004.

4. The APC agreed that a vote taken April 16, 2004 for support for the Journal of Asian Studies was a four year commitment from summer 2005 through summer 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.