UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (UCIE)
ANNUAL REPORT – 2003-04

TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

The University Committee on International Education (UCIE) met four times during academic year 2003-04, including the annual two-day joint session with the Council of Campus Directors (CCD) of the Education Abroad Program (EAP). UCIE reorganized under a new name and charge to deal with issues of international education beyond EAP. Pursuant to its duties as outlined in Senate Bylaw 182, UCIE considered, reported and/or acted upon many agenda items, from which the major issues are reported, as follows:

1. Consideration of matters of international education
UCIE considered non-EAP programs organized by individual campuses and discussed ways to improve and regularize guidance and support structures for these, as part of its many discussions of efforts to make curricula more international in scope, to further academic integration and to ensure academic quality.

2. Review of Education Abroad Program (EAP) and its policies
UCIE notes that EAP has not undergone a formal review as an entire program for many years and wishes to alert the Academic Council to this issue.

3. Consultation with University Office of Education Abroad Program (UOEAP)
UCIE received reports from UOEAP consultants at every meeting and participated in discussion with them on many issues and activities, including the following:

<u>Program Development and Monitoring</u>: A UCIE Subcommittee on Program Development was appointed to work with UOEAP Director of Academic Development & Support Linda York. Given the current budget crisis, priorities were readjusted for the short-term; focus shifted to existing programs, to ensure that these operate efficiently. Following consultation with UOEAP, UCIE took the following actions:

- Conditionally approved a Shanghai intensive language program (ILP);
- Conditionally approved an architecture program in Ferrara, Italy;
- Approved a change of provider in Moscow (from European University to International University Moscow) with caveat to review the program within 3 years;
- Agreed that UOEAP proceed with expanding programs at University of Maastricht.

<u>Watch List Process</u>. UCIE was integrally involved in the development of the "Watch List process," which sets criteria for EAP programs and, later, provides problem analysis of programs that do not meet criteria; these programs are then assigned for remediation or disestablishment. UCIE appointed subcommittees to liaise with UOEAP in incorporating student evaluations and Study Center Director (SCD) Annual Reports into the academic quality component of the "Watch List" process. UCIE is regularly apprised of Watch List candidates and ratings. Its participation in these discussions ensures Senate involvement in EAP program oversight.

<u>Status and Strategy Reports</u> from UOEAP to UCIE categorize, country by country, the state of programs, key issues and future plans.

<u>Reorganization of UOEAP</u>. UCIE was actively involved in the design of a new full-time position that will report to the present UOEAP Associate Director. UCIE consulted with

UOEAP CAO Gerald Lowell on budget constraints, internal restructuring, marketing strategies and other operational issues.

Study Center Issues. UCIE worked with UOEAP on emendation of the recruitment/appointment cycle for SCDs and establishing a new timeline for selection. UCIE modified standard questions for first-round interviews of SCD applicants and provided advice on advertising, recruiting and cultivating faculty members for future openings. A joint UOEAP-UCIE Task Force to Review Study Centers and Study Center Directors was formed to look at a broad range of issues concerning EAP Study Center directorships. That Task Force is now operational and will continue through next year.

4. Representing the Senate in selection of Study Center Directors

In December 2003 and May 2004 UCIE selected Study Center Directors for the following Study Centers: Australia, Chile, Germany, Hungary, Mexico, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, UK/I (London California House), and UK/I (Edinburgh); France (Paris), France (Lyon), Japan (Tokyo), UC/I (Bloomsbury) and Spain (Granada). UCIE Chair Godbeer and UOEAP Director Marcum forwarded nominations to former Senior Vice President and Provost C. Judson King in December and new Senior Vice President and Provost M.R.C. Greenwood in May, for final appointment by President Dynes.

5. Maintaining liaison with the Council of Campus Directors (CCD)

UCIE consulted with CCD on the development of a new job description for Campus Directors that recognizes their many and varied responsibilities. UCIE supported CCD's proposal to work out a more flexible cap formula for individual EAP programs, including perhaps a mutually agreeable system of trading slots among campuses. UCIE discussed with CCD a range of possible methods and channels for academic integration efforts on the campuses.

6. Advising the UOEAP Director on matters of international education

UCIE regularly received reports from and provided advice to UOEAP Director and Associate Provost John Marcum on international education issues, including enhancing awareness of the importance of international studies. UCIE proposed revisions to a draft UC International Mission Statement from the UC Senior International Leaders Council that stressed the centrality of UC's educational mission.

7. Responsibility for academic review of Study Centers and Programs

As part of its participation in streamlining and improving Formal Review process, UCIE reviewed and approved both standardized and individually tailored questions for use by Formal Review Committees in reviewing Study Centers, and questions for Study Center Directors and Liaison Officers for use in Formal Reviews. UCIE recommended the inclusion of questions relating to academic quality and academic integration. UCIE recommended that interviews with current SCDs (by telephone) and previous SCDs (face to face), along with earlier input from campus advisors, be included in the Formal Review process.

UCIE appointed Subcommittees to review and comment on Formal Review Committee Reports from the previous year on Costa Rica (approved), Italy (approved, with modifications and suggestion for review in the near future), Vietnam (approved) and Spain (requesting review again in the near future, since the Report submitted was overdue and outdated). UCIE selected outside members and also appointed UCIE representatives to sit on Formal Review Committees for Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands and Turkey.

UCIE appointed Subcommittees to respond to the Formal Review Committee reports and UOEAP and SCD comments. UCIE approved the Reports.

UCIE reviewed a list of programs due for formal ten-year review and decided to review Ghana, Hong Kong, Spain and new Short-term UC Construct Programs for London, Paris and Sienna in 2004-05. UCIE nominated faculty to serve on these review committees and proposed ongoing review and oversight of the new UC construct programs by a small standing committee that would include a UCIE member and two additional faculty members. UCIE supported UOEAP's proposal to send a UC faculty member on an advance site visit to Hong Kong to provide input to UOEAP for the formal review committee's consideration, and also a three-site visit by the members of the Formal Review Committee for Short-term UC construct programs.

8. Authorizing and supervising courses and curricula in EAP

UCIE is regularly apprised of the state and status of EAP programs in UOEAP's Status and Strategy Reports. UCIE received progress reports from CCD on what campuses are doing with respect to academic integration, including efforts to make curricula more international. UCIE also addressed academic quality concerns about courses and curricula as part of the Watch List process, and continues to provide input on how to incorporate academic criteria into the Watch List process. UCIE urged UOEAP to change the title of the new Assistant Director position so to reflect its responsibilities for academic oversight.

UCIE authorized and approved new programs in Beijing, China (Joint Center for International Studies—JCIS), Shanghai, China (East China Normal University—ECNU – language) and Ferrara, Italy (University of Ferrara – architecture), two of these conditionally. The committee also authorized the moving of the 2nd Year German program in Germany from Bayreuth to Potsdam.

UCIE supports developing EAP opportunities for graduate students in health sciences.

Other issues

UCIE and UOEAP discussed the proposed 110% cap (charging penalties to students who exceed 110% of the required number of units for graduation) as a possible deterrent to student participation in EAP, since not all EAP courses are given credit on UC campuses. Both groups will continue to liaise with respect to future discussion and negotiation relating to this critical issue.

UCIE needs to fill Chair and Vice Chair positions for next year. Chair Godbeer has accepted a faculty position at University of Miami and is thus unable to continue as chair for the second year of his two-year term.

UCIE shares UOEAP's concern about the additional burden and stresses on students going abroad during this time of unrest in the Middle East and, in particular, the war in Iraq. It is of the utmost importance to advise students effectively in terms of how to comport themselves and how to respond to confrontation. UCIE praised the Madrid

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