ISAC Minutes

A meeting of the International Studies Advisory Council was held on Tuesday November 18, 2008 at 3:00 in the History Department Conference Room.
Present: Amy German, Barbara Amundson, Ann Marie Park, Steve Amundson, Frank Tenkorang, Satoshi Machida, Suzanne Maughan, Diana Jones
Absent: Sonja Kropp, John Damon, Glenn Powell

Lilly informed the committee that the survey for alumni was complete and would be mailed out within the next few days—MANY many thanks to the subcommittee of Maughan, Machida and Damon for their work on that project!

Ann Marie Park had taken the work of another subcommittee (Lilly, S. Amundson, and Machida) for the brochure, added pictures, prepared a draft, AND gotten prices for us from the print shop. The committee made a few editing suggestions/corrections and agreed to print 100. MANY thanks also to that subcommittee!

The council then addressed a new question concerning the request from Political Science that we consider changing the title of INTS 100—Intro to International Studies to avoid any possible confusion for students with their course PSCI 168, Intro to International Relations. After thorough discussion the council decided not to change the course title since it does, after all, reflect the title of our program and any changes would result in other conflicts with other existing course titles. The council did believe that the confusion was not really very likely or serious since the prefixes are so different and especially since PSCI 168 remains a required course in the INTS major and minor program of study.

Lilly then asked the council for suggestions on how to address the issue of assessment in the new INTS 100 course. The council agreed that ideally Lilly would give students an assessment exam during the very first class that would then be given again to seniors in the (yet to be created) capstone. The council then brainstormed questions to be included on that exam. Lilly will work on it more and send it out to members.

Finally, the council created two new subcommittees.
The first, consisting of S. Amundson, Maughan, Tenkorang, Kropp, and Powell will work on creating Learning Objectives from the Mission Statement.
The second, consisting of German, Jones, Machida, Park, B. Amundson, and Damon will determine what classes at UNK currently exist that could fit into possible thematic and area studies categories for curricular revision (Area studies: Europe, Latin America, Asia, Africa, Themes: Politics, Cultural Studies, Social, Environmental and Developmental Issues, Economics and Technology)

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 16 at 3:00 in the History Department Conference Room

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.