ISAC Minutes

A meeting of the International Studies Advisory Council was held on Tuesday April 26, 2011 at 3:30 in Founders Hall 2147.
Present: Amy Rundstrom, Barbara Amundson, Sylvia Asay, Suzanne Maughan, Diana Jones, Sonja Kropp, Tone Mendoza, Will Aviles, Ann Marie Park
Absent: Steve Amundson, Susan Honeyman, Glenn Powell.

The meeting began with a discussion of the evaluation process of the INTS director. The council agreed that the current process according to which the director is evaluated only by one person without any apparent input by peers needs revision.

The Council then moved on to discuss plans for APR next spring and the selection of a Team review leader. Various options were discussed--ISAC council members agreed to consult among their colleagues for possible leaders and to look on line.

Lilly noted that the INTS 100 course for next fall already has 28 students enrolled of whom 7 are majors and 8 are Honors students. Most students are presumably taking it for GS credit. If the course continues to draw so many students we may need to consider offering it more than once per year.

Lilly also reminded faculty that she needs readings suggestions for the course as the readings book used last is so badly out of date.

The council also discussed ways of dealing with the Senior Seminar (496) course in the near future. Until we have a critical mass of seniors, we can probably direct them to various upper division courses that can be adjusted to make them a) interdisciplinary and b) fit the requirements for a senior seminar.

Lilly informed the council about the current budget status of the program. There was general agreement on a plan to purchase a laptop for the INTS office since the warranty on the existing office computer will expire this year.

The rest of the meeting focused on scholarship issues. A subcommittee of Aviles, Park, and Jones agreed to divide up the funds among the applicants.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45. The Council may need to meet over the summer to begin plans for APR.