ISAC Minutes

A meeting of the International Studies Advisory Council was held on Tuesday Oct. 26, 2010 at 3:30 in Founders Hall 2147.
Present: Amy Rundstrom, Barbara Amundson, Steve Amundson, Suzanne Maughan, Diana Jones, Susan Honeyman, Sonja Kropp, Sylvia Asay, Tone Mendoza
Absent: Will Aviles, Glenn Powell

Lilly urged advisory council members to look at what Kim Elliot had done with the Website in the last month and to suggest any additional changes and additions. Those who had already looked at it were extremely complimentary.

Lilly noted that several students had recently asked her about INTS internships and asked for input and guidance. A lengthy discussion followed. It appears that a wide variety of international internships are in fact available in nearly all colleges but there is no central clearinghouse for them. We will certainly gather as much information as we can. This would be great addition to our website but it will be very difficult to keep it up to date.

Lilly with Tone Mendoza’s input informed the Council that INTS has $500 to spend for book orders. She asked council members to please send their requests to her asap. Half of that money must be spent by Dec. 1.

The council then discussed the idea of an international student organization—since Phi Beta Delta, the International Student Honor Society already exists and Steven and Barbara Amundson are its faculty advisors, the Council agreed to revive it and add to it a non-Honors component temporarily named, ISO the International Studies Organization. Recruiting for the two unified organizations will officially begin during International Education Week.

Discussion then moved to plans for International Education Week—it was agreed that our participation will consist of an International Studies Fair on Tuesday November 16. Rather than have scheduled speakers, we will have tables with materials set up from 11:30-1:30, free food, and videos running in the background. The student-centered Theme is: Making Internationalization of the Curriculum Work For You”. Below is a list of the tables we have agreed upon at this point:

- Internships for International Studies
- Study Abroad
- International Businesses
- Relieving anxiety about travel
- ESL
- Modern Languages
- The Peace Corps
- ROTC
- CIS
- Model UN
- Big Guide to Living and Working Abroad
- Rostock Program
- BIE/Center for Rural Research & Devel.
- Intl Business Minor
- Tables from specific depts–invite all
- Ten Thousand Villages
- Music/El Sistema Program
- Phi Beta Delta/ISO
Whenever possible we will have students from these programs/internships to sit at the tables and speak to the visiting students. We need to work with International Education and Glennis Nagel to publicize Intl Education week and our program asap. Amy will order food and set up the room.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Nov. 23 at 3:30.