A meeting of the International Studies Advisory Council was held on Thursday Jan. 26, 2012 at 3:00 in Founders Hall 2147.
Present: Amy Rundstrom, Barbara Amundson, Steve Amundson, Sonja Kropp, Ann Marie Park, Tone Mendoza, Sylvia Asay, Suzanne Maughan, Diana Jones, Susan Honeyman, Matt Mimms
Absent: Will Aviles

The council began with a brief discussion of program changes needed to meet the new 120 hour requirement. All agreed that the requirement should be met by simply reducing the number of electives from 14 to 9. Lilly will make the necessary changes.

The discussion then moved to the International Studies Service Scholarship. Lilly noted that Dallas Kenny has generously continued the scholarship at the same level this year and hopes to increase it if possible. Lilly asked if the Council wished to make any changes in how the scholarships were awarded. The council agreed to modify the wording on the application to clarify that only INTS majors and minors were eligible. Then there was much discussion about how best to advertise the scholarship. Lilly will send out an email to all current majors and minors and we will also put the application on our website. We will work with SAE and admissions to make sure incoming Freshmen and transfer students are informed and will add the information to our brochure. It might also be good to create a flyer to pass out at the conversation tables. By next year we would like to have the application process integrated into the computerized system.

Regarding the budget it was agreed to spend some of the remaining funds on new brochures.

There was some further discussion also about problems and progress with the various international student organizations. Somehow it seems that it would be desirable to integrate all of the various international groups on campus—Ann Maries, Sonja’s, Phi Beta Delta and GUS—but no firm conclusions were reached. Barbara noted that she achieved greatest success by providing credit to the student who took the lead in organizing the student club.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10. The next meeting will be Thursday February 23 at 3:00 in Founders 2147.