To: Faculty & Staff of CBA
From: International Programs Committee
Date: November 7, 2010
Subject: IPC Meetings in October 2010

The International Programs Committee of the College of Business met on 
Wednesday, October 13, 2010 with two issues on its agenda: (1) the 
Global Experience Program (GEP) and (2) the policy file review discussing 
IPC’s roles and responsibilities. Victoria Krivogorsky, Kamal Haddad, Fred 
Raafat and Massoud Saghafi attended the meeting. The Committee 
discussed GEP and requested further information from the Study Abroad 
Office regarding its structure. The primary concern of the Committee was 
the availability of the “service learning” and “internship” components of 
GEP to students enrolled in the program. In particular, IPC was concerned 
regarding lack of prior arrangements with international institutions to allow 
SDSU students to participate in such programs.

The Committee also deliberated on the role of IPC as a first-stage screener 
for all international programs developed by CBA and its faculty and each 
committee member agreed to formulate enhancements and revisions to its 
roles and responsibilities and to report to the committee by October 27.

The IPC met again on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 with John Francis, 
Kamal Hadadd, Fred Raafat and Massoud Saghafi in attendance. The 
Committee invited Teresa Donahue and Travis Pentz to clarify the 
uncertainties surrounding the Internships and “service learning” components 
of GEP and to discuss the proposed student advising sheet as well as the 
information package earlier presented to the committee. Teresa Donahue 
informed the Committee that the Study Abroad Office had already pre-
arranged internships with a limited number of organizations in a few 
countries and that the “service learning” component of GEP was still a 
work-in-progress. The Committee subsequently suggested revisions to the 
GEP’s information package (including the students’ advising sheet) to 
reflect those realities. In addition, the committee suggested the need for an 
assessment tool to screen internships and service learning activities that are 
directly obtained by students.

The committee was satisfied with the progress made regarding GEP and 
approved the program conditioned upon the Study Abroad Office finalizing
arrangements with institutions offering internships and or service learning opportunities before recruiting students for such activities. The Study Abroad Office should present the revised program directly to the Undergraduate Committee for its deliberations.

As directed by the Steering Committee, IPC further discussed its role and responsibilities as a standing committee of the college and found them to be in line with the CBA’s current mission. No significant changes were recommended at this time.

Finally, the International Programs Committee would like to congratulate the Study Abroad Office and Dr. Teresa Donahue for securing a $180,000 grant -- of which $120,000 to be used for study abroad scholarships -- from the Department of Education.