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A Proposal to Establish a Center for International Affairs at CSUCI

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Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Center for International Affairs is to internationalize the Cal State Channel Islands educational experience. Thus the Center supports the University Mission to “graduate students with multicultural and international perspectives”.

The Center for International Affairs promotes and supports efforts to internationalize the curriculum, affords students the opportunity to study abroad, increases the number and diversity of international students on campus, supports international faculty collaboration, and fosters links with higher education institutions around the world.

Objectives

The objectives of the Center are to

- design and implement policies and programs that promote cross-cultural and global understanding in all fields of study
- assist faculty in developing the international dimension of their teaching, scholarship, and service activities
- facilitate and develop academic and scholarly international exchanges and partnerships for students and faculty
- diversify the student body to include outstanding students who represent a broad range of geographic, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds
- coordinate all activities that enhance campus global awareness and augment the international life of the campus and local community.

Structure

The Organization Chart for the Center is attached. The Center operates under the division of Academic Affairs. The Director of the Center of International Affairs is the chief operating officer, who reports to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and chairs the University Advisory Committee on International Affairs. This committee will be a standing Senate Advisory committee with campus and community representation.

The Director will be responsible for the areas of Study Abroad, International Student Services, International Partners, and Faculty Programs and Resources.

The University Advisory Committee will have the following 4 sub-committees to guide the activities of the Center: GE and Curriculum, Faculty Engagement, Co-curricular, and Strategic Planning.

The Center will plan and implement all international education activities and collaborate with the necessary campus offices, committees, and academic programs to fulfill its objectives.

Finance

Subject to budgetary approval:

Short-Term:

The First Year

In order to inaugurate the Center, a Director will have to be appointed. The Director will be tenure-track faculty member, with 6 units of WTUs assigned time per semester, and with the support of a student assistant for 20 hours/week, with an initial office supplies and support budget of \$5,000. The Center will also require office space, furniture, and computer equipment for an additional cost of \$8,000.

During the first year of operation the Center will be responsible for implementing the two-year objectives of the Center's Strategic Plan.

The Second Year

The Director of the Center will continue to receive 6 units of WTUs assigned time per semester, and with the office support of a half-time staff member of 20 hours/week, and with an initial office supplies and a budget line of \$10,000.

During the second year of operation the Center will be responsible for implementing the two-year objectives of the Center's Strategic Plan.

The Third-Year

The Director of the Center will receive 9 units of WTUs assigned time per semester, and with the office support of a full-time staff member of 40 hours/week, and with an initial office supplies and a budget line of \$15,000.

Long-Term: After the First Three Years

The Center will have a permanent full-time Director and an Associate Director (one of whom would be a tenure-track faculty member), with a budget line of \$50,000 annually, and a staff of two full-time office supporting members and one half-time member.

Sources of Revenue:

Base Budget for CSU Campus (all campuses have an International Programs office with a Director, and staff support)

International Education Grants

International Student Fees

Funding from private, corporate, and government sources

Collaborate with Extended Education to offer fee-based language and culture programs to visitors

Projected Starting Time

The Center for International Affairs is to be established in Fall of the 2004 academic year.

Addendum to the Proposal for Establishing the Center for International Affairs

1. Benefits to students

The creation of the Center will greatly benefit our students by providing opportunities for cross-cultural awareness, exposure to global perspectives, and a greater understanding of the competencies that students need to become world citizens and succeed in today's global workforce. The Center will:

- ❖ create the infrastructure for international affairs so that our students will be able to take advantage of study abroad and our campus will be able to welcome international students
- ❖ facilitate and develop academic and scholarly international exchanges and partnerships for students
- ❖ diversify the student body to include outstanding students who represent a broad range of geographic, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds
- ❖ coordinate all activities that enhance campus global awareness and augment the international life of the campus and local community

2. Impact/contributions to academic programs and faculty

The Center will play a major role in facilitating and supporting the mission of the University. Since the University promises to “graduate students with multicultural and international perspectives”, each program will need to assess how this is being achieved. The Center will support faculty efforts to design and implement programs and curricula that promote cross-cultural and global understanding, and assist faculty in developing the international dimension of their teaching, scholarship, and service activities.

3. Base budget funding

The establishment of the Center will allow for a line item in the University's budget. As the University grows and its budgetary allocation from the Chancellor's Office increases, resources can be allocated for the Center's operations. An important source of additional revenue for the Center's future operations will be from this basis.