ANNUAL REPORT
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS
2001-2002

VISION STATEMENT
The Office of International Education and Programs, on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, is responsible for fulfilling the campus mission to maintain international relationships and to foster an environment maximizing international education opportunities for students, faculty and staff. International Education and Programs provides leadership and an environment that has dynamic and effective outcomes towards achieving the University's global vision. As prescribed by the Strategic Plan and Chancellor's Goals, the international directives have enlarged the stakes and set a challenging agenda for the future. These directives include the following goals:

- To make undergraduate study and other academically related experiences abroad a higher campus priority, with particular reference to specific needs such as increasing financial support, greater diversity of opportunity and program participation, and the assurance of program quality.
- To continue to initiate language in existing campus legislation that will facilitate and expand undergraduate study abroad.
- To explore and support new and creative avenues of funding.
- To continue to develop and modify an action agenda for the accomplishment of University international goals with the involvement of constituencies from across the campus community.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR

THE JONKOPING UNIVERSITY JONKOPING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOL EXCHANGE

UW-Whitewater students will have an opportunity to choose from a variety of business courses, as well as culture and Swedish language courses.

THE UNIVERSITY OF JYVASKYLA EXCHANGE

The University of Jyvaskyla exchange partnership will offer course to UW-Whitewater students in the areas of communications, journalism, public relations, Letters and Sciences courses and selected courses in business and economics.

TRAVEL STUDY COURSE PROGRAMS

Jamaica Learn and Serve
Peru: El Dorado as Myth and Reality
France: Urban Paris

NEW INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES

Goals for achieving the enhancement of current and future initiatives include the development of long and short term programs and the focused development of opportunities to support and enhance the learning objectives of current and future degree programs. Initiatives are being explored with institutions in Brazil, Denmark, England, France, Ireland, Jamaica and Spain.

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT PROGRAM
Student Teaching Abroad (2001-02 Academic Year)

Five students (one male and four females) elected to complete a portion of their required students teaching abroad. Two went to Sweden, and three went to Australia.

International Internships for UWW Credit (2001-02 Academic Year)

Four students are known to have participated in international internships arranged by UWW faculty for UWW credit. Two went to France, one went to Germany, and one went to Mexico.

Study Abroad (2001-02 Academic Year)

The Study Abroad Advisor (a graduate assistant position) and Study Abroad Travel Study Programs Manager estimate that approximately 2352 UWW students were informed of study abroad opportunities during the academic year through:

- Class presentations (1786)
- Student Organization Presentations (210)
- Walk-in Appointments (160)
- Scheduled Appointments (78)
- Information Tables (120)

Class presentations were given to classes from the following colleges:

- College of Letters & Science (34 presentations)
- College of Business (11 presentations)
- College of Arts & Communication (5 presentations)

A Study Abroad Booth was also represented at twenty-one (21) on-campus days, preview days, and transfer student days.

Twenty-six (26) students (10 males and 16 females) studied abroad through UWW exchange programs during the fall 2001 term. Four of these continued on through the spring 2002 term. Nineteen (19) students (5 males and 14 females) studied abroad through UWW exchange programs during the spring 2002 term. Therefore, forty-one (41) students studied abroad for either a semester or an academic year during the 2001-02 academic year.

Target markets for the 2001 year included Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore and South Korea. Contacts were established at 20 secondary and post-secondary schools and 4 Fulbright Exchange Offices. International UWW alumni assisted in the recruitment efforts at Fulbright College fairs in Hong Kong and Thailand. Our international alumni and College of Business staff once again played a strategic role in helping to develop new relationships and enhance future marketing activities.

INTRAMURAL/EXTRAMURAL FUNDING

- University of Wisconsin Institute for Global Studies Grant in cooperation with the College of Education to support international student teaching opportunities in Australia, Sweden and Jamaica.

- Whitewater Rotary International Grant to provide funding to support student teacher placements from Jamaica through Northern Caribbean University and Bethlehem Moravian College in cooperation with school districts in Whitewater, Fort Atkinson and Janesville.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Host Family program currently involves 53 local families and promotes cross-cultural communication between UWW International students and family members. Through connections made via the program students are asked to speak at schools and church events to share their customs and culture. Further
interaction with the community is enjoyed through the annual International Dinner which was attended by 209 individuals from the university and many area communities.

TRAVEL STUDY AND STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS SUMMARY

Due to the restructuring of the Office of International Education and Programs that occurred during July 2001, there is now a Study Abroad and Travel Study Programs Manager who now manages all UWW international education programs for undergraduate students and reports to the Director of International Education and Programs. The data reported here is mainly as a result of programs established prior to the establishment of this position.

Travel Study Programs (May 2001 through April 2002)

The UWW offered a variety of short-term travel study programs from May 2001 through April 2002. The total number of participants was 215 (50 males and 165 females).
Students studying abroad through UWW exchange programs were from a variety of colleges as follows:

Twenty-four UWW students are reported by the Admissions Office to have studied abroad through non-UWW programs during the 2001-02 academic year. No further demographic data was collected; the Office of International Education and Programs plans to become more actively involved with the UWW students studying abroad through non-UWW programs in the future, if staffing permits.

**Incoming Exchange Students**

In order to send students abroad on exchange programs, UWW must receive foreign exchange students from its exchange partner institutions for a semester or academic year at UWW. A few of the exchange partners prefer to keep the exchange of students balanced and limit the number of UWW students UWW can send to their institutions if we do not receive enough of their students. During the 2001-202 academic year, UWW received twenty-two incoming exchange students (sixteen males and six females).
Total Numbers of International Education Experiences

There were a total of 289 participants (70 males and 219 females) in international education programs during the 2001-02 academic year. These numbers show that 76% were female, and 24% were male. 75% of the 289 students participated in travel-study programs. 22% were in study abroad programs. 2% completed their student teaching abroad, and 1% had international internships.

This number is a decrease of four (4) participants, or 1.4% fewer participants during the academic year in which the September 11th terrorist attacks occurred. We are continuing to experience a drop in applications received during the spring of 2002 for our fall programs available during the months of September through January. It is our assumption that this drop is also linked to the negative ramifications from the impact of September 11th.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLARS SERVICES SUMMARY

Collect personal information on international students, professors, research scholars and short-term scholars including:

1. Name
2. Date and place of birth
3. Country of Citizenship
4. Current U.S. address
5. Starting date of university studies
6. Degree program/level of study
7. Field of study (major)
8. Date of termination from the university and reason (if available)
9. Student's certification of practical training:
   - Optional practical training
   - Curricular practical training
   - Special student release
10. Beginning and ending dates of certification for practical training
11. Form 1-20
12. Supporting documentation for Form 1-20:
   - Financial
   - Letter of admissions
13. Copy of student's most recent 1-20
14. Non-immigrant classification:
   - Upon entry to U.S.
   - Current
15. Date(s) visa was issued, extended or changed
16. Port of entry
17. Date of entry to U.S.
18. Copy of Passport(s)
19. Copy of I-94(s)

Twice a semester a newsletter called the International Byline is prepared for all international and exchange students as well as pertinent faculty and staff. This newsletter provides information about current events, upcoming deadlines, INS regulations, the International Students' Club as well as other helpful notes.

Monitor and enforce medical insurance coverage. At the present time all international students, including exchange students must at a minimum have the following coverage: $50,000 for each occurrence of injury or illness, $10,000 for medical evacuation and $7,500 for repatriation.

The current contract for international student medical insurance has expired and a new policy and possibly new vendor is in the review process.
Advise international students, professors, research scholars and short-term scholars on immigration issues including:

1. Staying in status
2. Change of status
3. Reinstatement
4. Travel: reentry to the U.S.
5. Program extension
6. School transfers
7. Change of level, degree or major
8. On-campus employment authorization

INFORMATION ON CURRENT INTERNATIONAL AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS- Spring 2002:

There were 118 international students and 15 exchange students for a total of 133 students who studied at UW-W Spring 2002. This means that 11% were exchange students, and 89% were international students. Of these students, 40 (30%) were graduates, and 93 (70%) were graduates.

Of the 133 international and exchange students, 64 were male and 54 were female international students, while 10 were male and 5 were female exchange students.

Majors: The interests international and exchange students are reflected in their chosen majors in 15 different categories. Business was the predominant major selected by all groups of students.
**Country of Origin:** At UW-Whitewater for Spring 2002 there were students from 48 countries in attendance.

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**PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:**

**Preparation for implementation of SEVIS**

This office is in the process of preparing for implementation of the Student & Exchange Visitors Immigration System (SEVIS). SEVIS is an internet-based system that is designed to provide tracking and monitoring with access to accurate and current information on non-immigrant students and exchange visitors. SEVIS is required to collect:

- I-20/IAP-66 FORM INFORMATION
- Name, place and date of birth; country of citizenship; current address.
- Status (full-time vs. part-time).
- Date of start of studies.
- Number of credits completed per year.
- Degree program and field of study.
- Practical training (beginning/ending dates).
- Termination date and reason, if known.
- Date of visa insurance and classification granted.
- Current academic and program status of alien.
- Any disciplinary actions taken against the alien due to criminal conviction.
- Information on the date of entry and port of entry.

The SEVIS electronic monitoring system is mandated by federal legislation to be fully operational by 1/1/03.

**GOALS FOR THE 2002-2003 YEAR**

Work with Admissions Office to develop procedures for UWW students studying abroad through non-UWW programs and become more actively involved with these students.

Encourage returning study abroad students (participants on both UWW and non-UWW study abroad programs) to become more actively involved with the Office of International Education and Programs.
Ensure two Winterim travel study programs and three spring travel study programs are offered annually.

Establish travel study programs that are sponsored by two or more departments (cross-listed) to attract a greater pool of interested students.

Implement new marketing strategies to increase the number of student participants in international programs abroad by 5-10% for the new academic year.

Develop 3 new international partnerships with specific focus on Denmark, England, and Spain.

Develop an external International Advisory Board to assist in the development of new programs and external scholarship funding.

Increase the number of internal scholarships available through the College of Arts and Communication, Business and Economics, Education and Letters and Sciences.

Have the SEVIS program fully functional on the UW-Whitewater campus by Spring 2003.

Provide new medical insurance information to all international students with regard to provider and costs by July, 2002.

Develop a new marketing prospectus for international recruiting at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Develop a closer working relationship between the International Students Club and the University Housing “Global Village”.

Develop plans to increase the diversity and total number of attendees at the International Dinner.