Strategic Planning Dialogue and Listening Session – International Affairs 4/2/2012

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Needs to approach systematically and not a haphazard piecemeal approach
Curricular Issues
Faculty Affairs
Organizational and Staffing Issues
Institutional marketing, alumni affairs, fundraising
Overlap with issues of Domestic Diversity need to be clarified

Creation of AVP position
Merger of several disparate units

International Student Affairs
Visiting International Scholars
International Student Recruitment and Admissions
Semester/ year study abroad
Faculty-led short-term study abroad.

Current Stats:

514 total students under our immigration purview
444 in courses, others in OPT
307 Grad, 137 Undergrad

Nepal, India, China and S. Korea, and Canada

Study Abroad 2009-2010

164 total participants
73% in short term programs, 27% in semester or year programs.

Moving Forward:

Basic infrastructural changes accomplished or in process, good timing for strategic planning given limited resources, what are our priorities in terms of internationalization for the next five years?
Thoughts:

Raj – What should we do for international students here at SDSU?

- Health Insurance?
- System wide requirement... policy commitment will be up for discussion

Travel Insurance for Faculty and Students Traveling abroad.

- Other Universities - common practice to offer a standard policy.
- Need to address Researchers traveling abroad.

Shifting the idea of Diversity to the idea of Inclusion

Possibility of a common meeting spot for international students

Housing/ International students housed together? Given a choice to live with US Students. International Dorm/ Learning Community that would give the option for US and International Students could live together reserve places for international students.

**Housing for Professors and Scholars- Limited**

Need to address the housing needs for this group.
Married Housing?
Capacity issue.... There needs to be an expanse of options for this group.
All students need to be given the option to room with each other. Opt- in.
Requests need to be made to residential life.

***** Newly purchased property 2 apartment buildings. We need to jump on this.

**English Language Classes**

- Intensive English Language Institute.
- Coming.

**Funds provided for Faculty to develop new study abroad opportunities.**

- Program Development Grants.
- Also for new 2 + 2 programs. (International)

**Centralized- Statewide clearinghouse or website to publicize International initiatives**

**Nepal population is all about connections.**

- Increase the undergraduate population...
- What can we do to increase the number of students?
Graduate Student Tuition Waiver

The process is difficult. (Admission Process)

Internationalization and Globalization of campus and curriculum is an afterthought.

- The arena is becoming more competitive and this will be essential for our graduates to be competitive.
- Globalization. There needs to be an <u>intentional</u> effort to plan strategically for internationalization.
- Some sort of certificate of language, culture and diversity.
- Schools creating successful programs; however, it was built into the infrastructure and mission with top down support.

Problem

1. Encourage our students to engage the world.
2. Would like to increase or encourage new international students… To help engage our students.

Comes down to resources

What are SDSU fundraising efforts for International initiatives

Incorporating the multicultural events on campus as mandatory

- Publicity of such events is difficult.

Host/Friendship family program. US Friends…