UE Strategic Planning/International Working Group
Minutes of the Meeting of 3 November 2010

Members Present: Brian Ernsting, Bev Fowler, Phil Gerhart, Rachel Hansen, Earl Kirk, Wes Milner, Alicia Neaves, Roger Pieroni, Bill Stroube

Members Present via Teleconferencing: Roger Beck, Gordon Kingsley, Kara Pike

Members Not Present Due to Schedule Conflicts: Yasser Alhewani, Jon Truitt

The International Working Group met at 2:00 pm on Wednesday 3 November in Graves 240. Members introduced themselves and briefly commented on their backgrounds and areas of interest. The co-chairs briefly reviewed the charge to the working group as it relates to international components at UE and the timeline for the completion of our tasks.

The majority of the session identified topics and areas that we may wish to include in our future discussions:

- Reconnection with international alums
- Increasing the participation rate in study abroad
- Enhancing the success of international students once they enroll at UE
- Curricular development that prepares students for experiences abroad and to apply the lessons learned upon return to campus
- Enhancement of international studies and foreign languages, internationally-oriented program development on campus and in the Evansville community, enhancement of the intensive English program, investigation of distance learning in the international sphere
- Strengthened connections with career placement and opportunities for international internships
- Identification of best practices to guide our discussions and benchmarking to evaluate outcomes
- Development of an integrated plan for international components at UE
- Examination of administration and organizational elements related to “international” at UE
- “Making time” in curricula for education abroad and international experiences
- Efforts at institutionalizing international awareness and sensitivity and experiences for all members of the University community
- Increased funding for student scholarships, especially for economically disadvantaged students, and faculty-led programs abroad
- Enhancement of Fulbright opportunities and linkages, joint programs with institutions abroad, exchange programs
- And the list will likely grow

The group recognized significant overlap with other working groups and the need to gather and share information and ideas broadly. The group agreed to meet weekly at alternating hours (to be determined) to include as many participants as possible.