UE Strategic Planning/International Working Group

*Minutes of the Meetings of 7 December 2010 and 13 December 2010 (Part One)*

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

**Members Not Present Due to Schedule Conflicts:** Yasser Alhewani, Alicia Neaves, and Bill Stroube

The International Working Group convened briefly at 8:00 am on Tuesday 7 December in Graves 240. The committee members shared ideas about what our final suggestions should be about major goals, rationales, and suggested actions or tactics for matters related to international issues at UE. The committee reviewed previous suggestions, noting overlaps in recommendations and re-emphasized the importance of Harlaxton College to the international mission of UE. The committee agreed to re-convene on Monday 13 December at 11:00 to work out disparities and to move toward a succinct final draft document to share with the steering committee.

*Minutes of the Meetings of 7 December 2010 and 13 December 2010 (Part Two)*

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**Members Present via Teleconferencing:** Kara Pike

**Members Not Present Due to Schedule Conflicts:** Yasser Alhewani, Roger Beck, Phil Gerhart, Gordon Kingsley, and Roger Pieroni

The International Working Group reconvened on Monday 13 December at 11:00 in Graves 240 to review documents newly submitted by committee members and to try to integrate previously discussed goals. The largest part of the discussion treated a proposal for Asian Studies (submitted by Roger Pieroni) and one for enhanced international student presence on campus (submitted by Bev Fowler). The group also revisited ideas about how core academic experiences could have an international or global focus, perhaps in capstones, FYS, and general education. Finally, there was renewed discussion about the need to enhance the organization and support for administering international matters on campus. These discussions and documents will be distilled and shared with work group members and presented to the steering committee as a preview of our formal draft recommendations, seeking helpful feedback from the steering committee. On 14 December, Wes Milner and Earl Kirk will put forward six draft goals with accompanying rationales, and suggested action or tactics. The draft goals will include:

**Goal One:** Protect, develop, and invest in our signature study abroad program at Harlaxton College

**Goal Two:** Enhance UE’s presence in the world through additional study abroad opportunities and strategic partnerships abroad

**Goal Three:** Develop an international component of our foundational academic programs with special emphasis on the general education curriculum and in other areas that permit reflection and synthesis

**Goal Four:** Enhance the quality and the distinctiveness in the study of foreign languages and cultures at UE

**Goal Five:** Enhance and sustain the diversity of the student population at UE by increasing the international student population both by percentage of total number of students and by number of countries represented

**Goal Six:** Promote visibility, enhance efficiency and effectiveness, and maintain and increase the stature of international programs at UE by a thorough review of institutional organization, structure, and budgetary support related to our international efforts