International Planning Process—Summer 2010 Progress Report

The international planning process kicked off in January 2010 with a workshop hosted by President Barbara R. Snyder and the provost of Case Western Reserve University and led by Barbara Hill of the American Council on Education and the three chairs of the International Planning Committee. Since that time, as of June 2010,

- The **International Planning Committee** has met five times and considered a broad range of subjects relating to internationalization at Case Western Reserve, the international planning process and ongoing advice to the Office of International Affairs.
- The **Office of International Affairs Infrastructure Working Group** has met seven times, meeting with key university staff engaged in international activities and conducting extensive research into best practices. This working group prepared a final report and recommendations with respect to an initial organizational structure for the Office of International Affairs, including recommended staffing levels and a timeline for implementation, and delivered it to the International Planning Committee, which adopted the report and recommendations and sent them on to the provost in May 2010. The provost approved the recommendations and has undertaken to implement them as promptly as resources are available.
- The **Undergraduate Education Abroad/International Experience Working Group** has met three times, has formed four sub--groups which have held a number of meetings to address specific topics, and has initiated concentrated research in relevant areas.
- The **International Undergraduate Student Recruitment, Retention and Campus Life Working Group** has met three times.
- The **Technology/Communications Working Group** has begun development of a pilot database to hold and disseminate international information in selected areas and to provide experience in advance of the development of a larger, comprehensive international data system.
- The **Funding and Resources Working Group** has begun to form and to specify the areas of its inquiry.
- The International Planning Committee has initiated an internationalization review to identify Case Western Reserve’s strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities in the area of internationalization. Information generated from this review will inform the development of strategic goals.
- The Office of International Affairs has retained Janet Coquillette (JD, CWRU School of Law; MNO, CWRU’s Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations) as a consultant to oversee and facilitate the international planning process and has engaged two student interns (Martha Allee, School of Law, and Alexandra Klyachkina, College of Arts and Sciences) to do research and carry out other projects to assist the planning effort.
• The **Office of International Affairs Visiting Committee** has held an initial working group meeting to become familiar with the international planning process and discuss preliminary ideas regarding best ways to draw upon the experience and expertise of Visiting Committee members.

• The associate provost for International Affairs has emailed every member of the campus community explaining the planning process and soliciting input.