Charge to the
Undergraduate Education Abroad/International Experience Working Group

Case Western Reserve University seeks to provide each undergraduate student who attends a spectrum of international education experiences and to make it attractive to and convenient for each undergraduate student to participate in at least one such experience in her/his undergraduate career.

The Undergraduate Education Abroad/International Experience Working Group shall make recommendations for consideration by the International Planning Committee that support the achievement of these goals. Specific recommendations should address the following topics:

- Examine and make recommendations respecting current study abroad rules;
- What practices with respect to undergraduate international education experiences the University should adopt. In particular, but without limitation, the working group will consider practices in the following areas: international classroom experiences; international research, internship, or coop experiences; long-term foreign immersion (half-year and full-year) programs; and short-term foreign programs;
- How a campus culture supports and promotes engagement by undergraduate students in international education experiences;
- What level of budgetary and administrative support the University needs to provide in order adequately to support a spectrum of undergraduate international education experiences for CWRU undergraduates and potential sources and mechanisms for such funding;
- Whether the Undergraduate Program Faculty and the four constituent faculties who host undergraduate departments should consider an undergraduate international curricular experience requirement and, if so, what menu of options is available for how such a requirement could be fulfilled;
- Whether the University should adopt as a goal the establishment of CWRU Study Abroad offices or programs in foreign locations, and if so how to involve local alumni associations in those locations;
- What role technology can play in supporting international experiences;
- What policies should be adopted by the University to achieve the goals recommended by the working group;
- What types of risk management, legal and communication policies should be put in place with respect to undergraduate international experiences, including how they should be administered and how adherence to such policies can be encouraged; and
- Other issues that the Working Group deems important as it learns more about the subject.

An interim report, with draft recommendations, estimates of required resources, and potential funding sources to support achievement of those recommendations, should be submitted by December 1, 2010, and a final report by March 1, 2011.