COMMITTEE ON THE EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM
2005-2006 Annual Report

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

The most significant accomplishment of Committee on the Education Abroad Program (CEAP) was to broaden its mission to encompass international education programs beyond the confines of the undergraduate Education Abroad Program (EAP). Expansion of our responsibilities was necessary as international education occurs through programs other than EAP at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Moreover, a range of international educational activities occur informally with both the undergraduate and graduate students. Comprehensive Academic Senate oversight of such UCSC activities is important, given the continuing globalization of our society and the necessity to prepare students to be world citizens. CEAP is now known as the “Committee on International Education”. The name and mission change required the consent of a broad range of other Academic Senate committees as well as the full Academic Senate. These Santa Cruz Division Bylaw 13.16 changes were approved at the May, 2006 Senate Meeting.

During the 2005-2006 academic year CEAP worked with the UCSC Office of International Education to better academically integrate classes taken by students abroad with their programs at UCSC. This activity required departmental documentation of classes recently taken by UCSC undergraduates abroad, and clarification of whether the classes were accepted for departmental major credit or general education (GE) credit. Specification of particular EAP classes that satisfy UCSC major or GE requirements greatly facilitates program planning for students abroad, e.g. http://oie.ucsc.edu/eap/acadplan.shtml. The academic integration process is ongoing and will be expanded to more departments during the 2006-2007 year.

CEAP spent several meetings dealing with budget issues at the level of the University Office of Education Program and Budget and budget restrictions and consequent staffing issues in the UCSC EAP office. CEAP provided advice to the UC International Education Committee on issues of contraction of certain EAP programs overseas and advocated with the Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education for enhanced support of the UCSC EAP Office. Finally CEAP provided input to the UC International Education Committee on review of EAP programs overseas and a system-wide review of international education.

CEAP thanks retiring OIE Faculty Director John Isbister for his years of service and advocacy for international education. We also greatly appreciate Director Rebecca Sweeley, and her staff, for their untiring efforts in running and proactively developing programs in the Office of International Education at UCSC despite severe staffing and budget shortfalls.

Respectfully submitted,

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