

Interim Report

International Exchanges and Collaborations Subcommittee

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It was decided that this subcommittee would cover all exchange agreements (including student exchanges) and other collaborative agreements in its charge, as long as they were not primarily UKRF funded.

Work with Inventory Group to Include this Information in the Database

- Data on exchanges is being collected already through the various Colleges.

Gather Data on Existing Programs

- Each college should establish a point person for international agreements, and this person should be familiar with the process and requirements for agreements, and should be charged with keeping the agreements catalogued and up to date.
- All UK international collaboration/exchange agreements should be made public on a website (maybe an OIA website). The website should have step-by-step instructions for starting an agreement and approved templates for agreements should be posted on the website. The website should also have a glossary of international education terms, including “exchange,” “dual degree,” “joint degree,” “3-2 programs,” “sandwich programs,” twinning programs,” etc.

Examine Programs at other Institutions that Foster or Support Faculty/Program Exchanges

- Asked John/Beth/Susan to contact ACE to obtain information on other universities similar to UK that might have structures and activities that can be emulated.
- More collaboration is needed between the Medical Center Legal Office and the Central Legal Office in relation to MOUs, exchange agreements, clinical education agreements, etc. Also need more collaboration between Jennifer Collins and OIA.
- Develop an international site boilerplate Clinical Education Agreement for Medical Center students to facilitate increased numbers of international clinical rotations.
- Need a robust blanket policy of Travel Medical Insurance for faculty/staff (and students?) traveling overseas on official business/sabbaticals/etc.
- An Emergency Fund needs to be established to cover unexpected situations related to international collaborations.
- The Provost should encourage the Deans to work together on collaborations and exchanges.
- Consider offering UK degrees on international campuses. This can be profitable and it will increase the faculty’s international experience.

Articulate Objectives for Faculty/Program International Exchanges, Consistent with Student Learning Outcomes, and Strategies for Assessment

- A student welcoming committee should be established to assist with the various and numerous practical arrangements that must be made to host international visitors. Serving on the committee could satisfy a student requirement, such as an international experiential education requirement. Another alternative is to have a Grad Assistant or staff position established somewhere on campus.

Identify Barriers to Faculty/Program Exchanges at UK

- Many services need to be centralized so that each college/department does not have to establish an office to perform non-academic activities each time an international collaboration is established. A centralized university office could work with visiting delegations to locate housing; obtain visas; collect household supplies; drive visitors around for orientation; gain access to library, exercise, and other UK facilities; and provide general hospitality services so visitors feel welcomed.