

International Education Committee  
2008-2009  
Annual End-Of-Year Report

The members of the 2008-09 International Education Committee were professors Thomas Stoffer (chair), John Jablonski, Marcia Parry, Hiraku Murata, and Jim Rumpf. Associate VP Roberta Teahen is an ex-officio member.

In the academic year 2008-09, the committee met only three times. There were two general topics of discussion this year: the International Educator Award (IEA) and related items; and the purview of the committee.

Nominations were received for the IEA and Professor Phil Watson was selected from the four nominees. The other three nominees were professors Maryanne Heidemann, Anna Davila-Howard, and David Aiken. After nominations were received, a set of questions was sent to all nominees and the committee used answers as well as the other earlier requested materials to make its decision. Although Professor Watson was notified of his selection, I failed to notify the other nominees of the outcome and received quite a lot of negative feedback because of that. I recommend that future chairs keep this in mind in the future.

At all of the committee's meetings, the topic of the purview of the committee came up. All agreed that the committee should do more than elect the International Educator of the Year. In our last meeting, we had agreed to meet once more to discuss expanding the committee's role. I was to research some possibilities and set up the next meeting. I did not follow through on this. I recommend that a future committee at least determine into what areas it can expand its responsibilities. After that, a committee of the next year might begin implementing. I think that this two-year or multi-year goal might help to develop a more secure role for the committee.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Chair, International Education Committee

Enc./ Minutes of the Oct. 14 and Feb. 10 meetings  
Questions for the IEA nominees  
Text of nomination letter

