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During the academic year of 2004-2005, the International Studies Council discussed and approved several programs for international cooperation, study, and exchange. These various programs will enhance the opportunities for various members of the University community to explore their studies with others around the world. The range of programs should provide a richer set of educational resources, especially for students and faculty at the University of Massachusetts, and in turn, should benefit others at the partner institutions.

The Council approved an agreement for exchange and cooperation with the following university:
Kansai Gaidai University, Japan

The Council approved courses provided by our faculty at the following location:
Italy (Business in Italy)

The Council approved courses for our students, provided by third parties, reviewed by our Council, and approved by relevant departments, in the following locations:

1. Senegal (Ecotourism, Sustainable Development)
2. Huehucoyotl, Mexico (Leadership and Social Change)
3. Findhorn, Scotland
4. Auroville, India

During the academic year, the Council also reviewed its procedures for discussing and evaluating international programs, revised and/or clarified its procedures, and its basic subcommittee structure. What follows is a brief summary of these discussions: 1. There are four subcommittees of the Council (Tuition Waiver; Vision and Mission; COPE; International Student Issues); 2. The Council began discussing the purpose, and materials central to each subcommittee, and its links to other bodies on campus; 3. Procedures for vetting proposals for International programs were also set, including specific guidelines for evaluating academic and budgetary matters.

One issue that invited such a review was the role of so-called third party providers in international programs. The Council anticipates further discussions about the nature and functions of third-party providers in International Studies on this campus.

The final part of the year involved Council members in the Search for a new Vice Provost and Director of the International Programs Office. Council members were involved in interviewing and evaluating candidates for this important position.

The Council looks forward to continuing the internationalization of this campus, its members, and programs; the Council also looks forward to finding additional ways of enhancing this dimension of our campus' activities.

Respectfully submitted,
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