

**SPECIAL REPORT**  
of the  
**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES COUNCIL**  
concerning  
**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE  
ON CULTIVATING CROSS-CULTURAL AWARENESS**

Presented at the  
695<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate  
May 13, 2010

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***Background:***

The University of Massachusetts Amherst is attracting more and more students from locations outside of Massachusetts and the United States. This recent influx of international students creates the attendant need for university faculty and staff to become knowledgeable about this diversity and be informed about potential challenges and opportunities this diversity may create on campus.

***Charge:***

Given the increasing influx of international students on campus, the committee will suggest ways to develop faculty awareness of various student populations, international relations, and sensitivity to variety in our students' cultural perspectives.

***Membership:***

1. The Chair of the International Studies Council or a designee;
2. The Chair of the Student Affairs and University Life Council or a designee;
3. The Dean of Students or a designee;
4. The Director of the Office of Faculty Development or a designee;
5. The Director of the International Programs Office or a designee;
6. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate;
7. A Representative of the Graduate School;
8. One Faculty Member from each of the Schools and Colleges; and
9. One Graduate and One Undergraduate Student.

The Committee will elect a Chair from among its members.

***Reporting Date:*** The Committee will submit its written report with motion(s) for consideration by the Faculty Senate to the Rules Committee before the end of the Fall Semester 2010.

**MOVED:** That the Faculty Senate approve the Establishment of an Ad Hoc  
**50-10** Committee on Cultivating Cross-Cultural Awareness, as presented in  
Sen. Doc. No. 10-048.