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Subject: Establishment of YSU's International Advisory Council

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The purpose of this memorandum is to initiate the process of establishing an International Advisory Council (IAC) at YSU in order to support the work of the Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP), and, more generally, to fully enhance the international character of the University.

In consultation with Jef Davis, Director of CISP, Provost Herbert has asked me to chair the new IAC, which should become an important vehicle for catalyzing individual, collective and institutional efforts aimed at supporting and improving initiatives of an international nature. The IAC will also be a significant resource in guiding and buttressing the work of Jef Davis and CISP. I am aware of previous international initiatives and committees at YSU over the years, and recognize the tireless contributions that many people on campus have made to address international concerns.

The objectives of the Center for International Studies and Programs are three-fold:

- 1) to increase the international student enrolment at YSU;
- 2) to increase the number of YSU students involved in study-abroad programs; and
- 3) to enhance the operations of the University's English Language Institute.

To be particularly effective in supporting the International Programs Office specifically, and the University's international agenda at a more general level, I believe that the IAC must fundamentally address the issue of the institutional culture at the University. This could include a more robust sensitization and engagement in endorsing, publicizing, supporting and fostering collaboration in relation to international students, faculty, curriculum, events, inter-change and meaningful efforts to make YSU a more dynamic and transformative place of learning.

As background for our meeting, please see the attached documents:

- 1) an article I wrote for YSU's Diversity Newsletter on internationalization at the University; and
- 2) a brief summary of the status of international activities at YSU prepared by Jef Davis.

You may also be interested in reviewing the website of the Center for International Studies and Programs at www.ysu.edu/cisp/.

In order to quickly, and I hope, effectively get this initiative off the ground, I am inviting the people listed above to form the initial core of the IAC. In consultation with Jef, we have identified people from various sectors of the university who we believe to be supportive and interested in the type of work we hope to undertake and achieve in the new IAC. We realize that some people may simply not have the time, or may feel that they are not the best person to be part of this Council. We are also cognizant that not all sectors may be effectively represented at this time but we will certainly strive, through our work and initiatives, to be as inclusive and diverse as possible. There will be many other opportunities to participate in building a more internationally-focused university.

Our first meeting of the International Advisory Council will be on February 14, 2007, 10:00 – 12:00, in Room 2036, Kilcawly Center.

As a tentative agenda, I would like to propose the following:

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Mandate of the IAC
- 3) Overview of the issues
- 4) Roundtable discussion on potential opportunities, strategies and initiatives
- 5) Specific issues and concerns
- 6) Time-frame for subsequent meetings and actions
- 7) Next steps
- 8) Other

Could you please confirm with Desa Pavlichich at dpavlichich@ysu.edu if you are able to attend this meeting, and also if you have any specific issues that you would like to be considered on the agenda. Also, please feel free to contact me directly at prcarr@ysu.edu or at ext. 2231.

Thank you, in advance, for considering to participate in this important initiative, and I look forward to seeing you on February 14.

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Att. Carr article
Davis summary

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