

CHASS International Programs Annual Report 2010-2011

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The CHASS International Programs committee had a very productive year. This report includes a list of committee members, a summary of committee accomplishments, strategic priorities for international programs in CHASS, and a list of CHASS scholarship recipients.

CHASS International Programs Committee – 2010-2011

Chair: Heidi Hobbs, Director of International Programs, CHASS

Tim Wallace – SOC & ANT

John Mertz – FLL

Thomas Ort – HI

Linda Williams – SW

Gary Comstock – Phil and Religion

John Begeny – PSY

Bob Kochersberger – ENG/IDS

Lada Kochtcheeva – SPIA

James Kiwanuka Tondo – COM

Allen Emory – CHASS Executive Assistant

Summary of CHASS IP committee accomplishments

- Streamlined the process, reviewed and offered support for 27 Study Abroad programs sponsored by CHASS in August 2010. CHASS Study Abroad faculty leaders no longer have to apply separately for their programs to be reviewed by CHASS. Due to the efforts of Allen Emory, we are able to directly access the information from Study Abroad.
- Created a new evaluation mechanism for CHASS study abroad evaluation in Feb. 2011.
- Approved and granted eight (8) \$1000 scholarships for Study Abroad to CHASS students in March 2011 (list of recipients included below). An additional 3 will be awarded from recently discovered CHASS foundation funds in April 2011, drawing on the alternate list.
- Held a position on the Alexander Global Village (AGV) Advisory Board. Through the efforts of CHASS Associate Dean Vicki Gallagher, funding was secured from the Provost for a CHASS Postdoc who has been hired and will live in the faculty apartment in AGV. The Postdoc will also teach an introductory international studies class in the AGV classroom. The CHASS IP committee chair served on the search committee, along with Associate Dean Vicki Gallagher and Assistant Dean Helga Braunbeck.
- Bob Kochersberger agreed to lead the annual AGV Washington, DC trip this Spring 2011 and planned a great outing for them but there was not sufficient demand.

Where do we go from here?

The following strategic priorities for CHASS international programs were developed last year and continue to guide the committee's work. We have made success in several areas, most notably in study abroad funding. CHASS as a whole is also very active in welcoming speakers on international issues but most of this activity occurs at the departmental level. The goal for the upcoming year must be to have better coordination among departments on these activities. Prior to the end of the academic year, an effort will be made to get CHASS faculty with interests in international affairs enrolled in the Office of International Affairs Database of International and Connections and Expertise (DICE). This will allow greater coordination across the college by area and expertise.

Strategic Priorities for International Programs in CHASS

Recognize the importance of international activities as a function of the College with strategic goals, funding potential, and contributing to the intellectual growth of both faculty and students.

Build an international community in CHASS for faculty across disciplines through

- international luncheon series
- international speakers
- annual welcome reception for new and visiting international faculty and students

Promote an international identity for faculty and students through

- funding for faculty travel abroad to conferences, for research opportunities and international collaborations
- funding for student study abroad
- facilitating exchanges with international universities
- making study abroad a priority across CHASS

CHASS Study Abroad Scholarship recipients – 2011

Emerson Barker - PS - Peru

Mary Chung - English – Oxford

Sherise De Leon - Psych – Peru

Iryna Feshchak - PS – Spain

Jamie Harwood - English – Oxford

Amanda Jones - Psych and Rel Studies - Italy

Mary Lavelle - Com graduate student – Botswana

Jessica Lewis - Spanish language and lit - Guatemala

Alternates:

Sarah Guess - Biomed Engineering/Anthro – Guatemala

Sarah Watkins - Business/IS - Peru