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FR: WARD BEYERMANN, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

RE: DRAFT POLICY ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The draft policy on International Activities was sent to the members of Educational Policy for comment. Only a couple members responded, and I will summarize their comments below.

Regarding our general impression, there was a sense that the document was highly technical. One person felt that it was fine and the definition of “activities” was clear in the text, though he did not respond specifically to the issue on the tax-exempt status in your memo. Another member echoed your concerns and was suspicious about the language being too encompassing, possibly allowing the administration to impede faculty participation in these types of activities. I realize these statements are a little vague, and a more in depth discussion, probably during a face-to-face meeting, is needed to better understand these concerns.

Only one individual made two specific comments about document.

1. The terms “reputable” and “of recognized standing” in sections III B.5b and III B.5c have different meanings, and that one or the other should be used in both contexts (or some additional clarification be added).
2. The statement on “Informational materials” in section III D be changed to “Informational materials in a fixed medium” to include informational materials that have a dynamic and/or continuing nature (e.g., a website).