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The committee has met three times so far during the current academic year.

The two major issues considered this year have been:

1. Discussion and advice to the universitywide Education Abroad Program concerning its plans for broad expansion of programs as a way to assist the University in accommodating to Tidal Wave II, and the relation of such expansion of student opportunities to the particular situation of UCR. Discussion centered particularly around the chronic problems UCR students encounter with respect to participation in EAP: financial difficulties connected to the cost of EAP programs coupled with the loss of employment income and the increase of indebtedness occasioned by financial aid packages that consist largely of student loans; difficulties students encounter in receiving assurance of credit toward major requirements before participation. The committee made constructive suggestions towards finding means to alleviate these problems.

2. Discussion with Vice Chancellor Azzaretto (Public Service and International Programs) of current and on-going relationships between UCR and universities abroad, and development towards cooperation in designing criteria and a selection process for UCR recipients (faculty and perhaps students) of grants from the Vice Chancellor’s office to pursue research and teaching relationships abroad as a means of further internationalizing the campus. The cooperation between the Vice Chancellor and the committee on this project will be on-going.

Other issues discussed by the committee this year include local administration of the Education Abroad Program, including student enrollments and recruitment; developments of international programs by University Extension; developments in U.S. immigration policies that affect the employment of foreign scholars and researchers and the enrollment of foreign students at UCR.

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