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The committee has had three meetings so far this year with additional communications via email.

The committee has continued to work with the International Services Center, the Director of EAP, and the Vice Chancellor for International Programs to ensure that appropriate guidance and support be given to UCR’s community of international students and scholars in an atmosphere of heightened anxiety and surveillance following the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001. The committee has received regular updates on the implementation of the student tracking system (SEVIS) and the efforts of UOEAP to ensure the safety of EAP students in light of international hostilities and in recent weeks the outbreak of SARS.

The committee’s work has otherwise been focused on contributing to the discussions taking place on campus relating to the future of International Education at UCR. In October 2002 Executive Vice Chancellor David Warren created a Task Force to “consider how best to nurture and enhance International Education at UCR.” Several members of the senate committee have served on this Task Force and the committee was actively involved in developing an agenda for the Task Force, which is about to deliver its recommendations to the Executive Vice Chancellor.

The committee adopted a UCR International Education Vision Statement, developed in conjunction with the Vice Chancellor for International Programs, which the Task Force then used as a guiding principle during its deliberations:

The University of California at Riverside, in fulfilling its mission of teaching, research, and public service, has for decades played a leading role in the international arena. Economic, social, political, technological, and environmental issues increasingly assume global dimensions; the need to foster a constructive and open-minded dynamic between countries and cultures becomes ever more imperative. UCR recognizes the need to provide our students with the knowledge and skills to engage responsibly and successfully in multi-cultural environments, both within the U.S. and internationally; to provide faculty with incentives to engage in the internationalization of knowledge; and to extend the university’s public service mission to the international arena.

The committee plans to meet later this quarter with Vice Chancellor Azzaretto, who chaired the Task Force, to discuss the Task Force report and its implications for International Education at UCR.

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