Committee on International Education
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The committee met twice with a quorum during the academic year; a third meeting is planned at the end of May. Meeting dates were chosen to coincide with meetings of the University-wide Committee on the Education Abroad Program.

A handbook of the Universitywide Committee on Education Abroad Program was submitted to members of the committee to help members become acquainted with the various Academic Senate committees charged with EAP advising and oversight. An Appendix lists all the UC EAP related committees and their Bylaws.

The EAP 1998 Strategic Plan Update was also submitted to members of the committee to acquaint them with the Academic Profiles completed for some 20 existing programs at foreign universities. The Strategic Plan includes also information about the development of new programs at universities in different parts of the world.

New methods were explored to increase student interest and enrollment in studies abroad. Considering that returning students are very enthusiastic about their experience abroad, it was proposed that returning students be asked to share their experience at orientation meetings for UCR freshmen. Reaching national H-1 cap and the impact of the Asian economic crisis on international exchange were discussed.

Although a previous proposal that a foreign language requirement for science undergraduates, which would enhance their participation in studies abroad, was not approved by the Executive Committee, the proposal was forwarded to the Committee on Educational Policy to address the issue when it re-examines breadth requirements.

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