2011–2012 Highlight Report

Office of International Affairs
http://international.iupui.edu

This has been a year of transitions for the Office of International Affairs, with Gil Latz assuming the dual role of IUPUI Associate Vice Chancellor for International Affairs and IU Associate Vice President for International Affairs on January 1.

Teaching and Learning

- Faculty across campus were engaged in curriculum internationalization for their work at home and abroad through a **series of faculty development groups** led by Dawn Whitehead, director of curriculum internationalization. The Internationalizing the Course Teaching Circle provided faculty across schools with tools and techniques to infuse international dimensions, and the International Service Learning Teaching Circle, in collaboration with the Center for Service and Learning, provided faculty with tools and resources to create, enhance, and document international service learning experiences.
  http://international.iupui.edu/curriculum/

- Director of international partnerships Ian McIntosh conducted a **"virtual study abroad"** tour for 16 IUPUI students to the Gaza Strip in Palestine in collaboration with 16 students from Gaza University during spring 2012. The IUPUI Center for Teaching and Learning Themed-Learning communities partnered with the School of Liberal Arts and OIA in this project.
  http://homepages.indiana.edu/web/page/normal/21510.html

- Six percent of IUPUI's Spring/Summer graduates made **study abroad** part of their IUPUI experience. In 2010–2011, 408 students studied abroad on 54 different programs in 30 countries.
  - In 2011–2012, three IUPUI students received **national Gilman scholarships** to study abroad.
  - Five new IUPUI study abroad programs were approved, creating new international experience opportunities for students in:
    - Herron School of Art and Design – Paris;
    - Public Health – Brazil;
    - Dentistry – Vietnam;
    - Honors College – Costa Rica; and
    - Medicine – China.

- Students with **international experience** gained strong representation in IUPUI's Top 100 Students program:
  - 31 of the 2012 Top 100 students studied abroad.
  - 14 students list a country of origin other than the United States, three of whom serve in OIA's International Peer Mentoring Program.
    http://international.iupui.edu/volunteer/peer-mentoring/

- o The top male student at IUPUI studied abroad in the U.K.
- o International Club president, Plater Scholar, and four-year I-House resident Megan Ishikawa, an Indianapolis native, made the list.
- o OIA student employees Assoumaou Mayaki and Taylor Rhodes also made the list.
- o IU Communications highlighted **international education** in the press release about the program: "One common thread running through about a third of the Top 100 students is international education, an indicator of students who do well academically and graduate on time."
  http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5528/Top-100-Students-Embody-What-IUPUI-Stands-For

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

- Following a fall 2011 delegation from IUPUI to **strategic partner Sun Yat-Sen University**, IUPUI hosted an unprecedented return delegation March 19–30. Thirty-seven deans, associate deans, and heads of units arrived at IUPUI for intensive two-week training in the area of teaching and learning.
  http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5552/IUPUI-hosts-unprecedented-delegation-from-Sun-YatSen-University

- OIA facilitated the development of **one additional undergraduate "2+2" dual degree program** within the IUPUI Department of Mathematical Sciences (Actuarial Science) and its corresponding partner school at Sun Yat-Sen University, the School of Mathematics and Computational Science, while also supporting the development of recruitment strategies for the six previously approved "2+2" programs. The agreements further develop IUPUI's strategic partnership with SYSU and support the growth of international student enrollments under the Enrollment Shaping Initiative.
  http://newscenter.iupui.edu/4967/2-+-2-Programs-Deepen-Ties-Between-IUPUI-and-Sun-Yatsen-University

- IUPUI continued to explore development of **international linkages in India** with the University of Hyderabad. A university-wide affiliation agreement was signed, and plans are underway for a fall 2012 faculty research symposium.

- Other **affiliation agreements** were signed with:
  - o Osaka University, Japan
  - o Waseda University, Japan
  - o Kingmongut University, Thailand: unit-to-unit agreement

- OIA funded faculty participation in the **Institute for Curriculum and Campus Internationalization**. AVC Gil Latz led the Institutional Strategies guided workshop stream.
  http://www.indiana.edu/~global/icci/

Civic Engagement

- OIA organized a year-long series of nearly 30 events known as **Partnership China** and supported collaborative programming with the Confucius Institute in Indianapolis and the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University.
  http://international.iupui.edu/partnership-china/

- Co-sponsored a visit to IUPUI by the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Ms. Leymah Gbowee. A presentation entitled "Women, Justice and Reconciliation in west Africa" attracted a capacity audience at the IU McKinney School of Law Courtroom.
  http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5494/Nobel-Prize-RecipientWomens-Rights-Activist-to-Speak-at-IUPUI-Live-Stream-Available

- Co-sponsored the second North America-wide Rwandan Genocide Commemoration Event.
  http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5571/Indianapolis-to-host-Rwandan-Genocide-Commemoration

- A major grant application was submitted to the HED (Higher Education for Development) to empower women in Rwanda, in partnership with the IUPUI Center for Women, IU school of Education, Multicultural Pedagogy Research Group, Great Lakes Equity Center, and the IUPUI Center for Teaching and Learning.

- OIA hosted major fund-raising events in support of victims of the famine in the Horn of Africa with a specific focus on Eritrea and Somalia in collaboration with the Center for Interfaith Cooperation, the African Students Association, and the Muslim Student Alliance.

- The **8th IUPUI International Festival**, held in the IUPUI Campus Center, was the largest ever and saw record crowds. Nearly 50 student groups, departments, and local organizations participated with information tables. The Mayor's director of international and cultural affairs, Jane Gehlhausen, brought greetings.
    o The full IUPUI Flag Collection, 195 country flags, was displayed during the weeks leading up to the event.
    o Free food from five countries was provided in partnership with IUPUI Food Service.
    o Barnes & Noble @ IUPUI sponsored a "Best-Dressed Contest."
    o Two international students in the Music Technology program of the School of Engineering and Technology entertained the crowd with keyboard and guitar—a volunteer performance that was a great way to showcase the program's talented students.
    o Professor Abdalla Ali of the Herron School of Art and Design worked with students to write visitors' names in Arabic calligraphy on specially designed cards with four different Islamic design borders. This was so popular, more than 150 name cards were made!
      http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5512/From-the-Desk-of-the-Chancellor-Feb-28-2012

Diversity

- IUPUI **enrolled a record 1,446 international students** for Fall 2011, up 6% from Fall 2010, including a 30% increase in new freshman enrollment. For the first time, more than 300 of IUPUI's international students are from a single country—China (319). http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5311/Record-International-Student-Enrollment-at-IUPUI-First-Time-More-than-300-Students-Come-From-a-Single-Country---China

- As part of Enrollment Shaping Initiative, **increased applications and admissions of beginning freshman international students** for Fall 2012 by more than 20%.

- Established an International Programming Grant for IUPUI student groups; supported six student-led events, including the international fashion show, which was covered by NUVO. www.nuvo.net/ArtsBlog/archives/2012/02/20/slideshow-iupui-international-fashion-show-pt-1

- Facilitated a transfer agreement with Changzhou Institute of Technology for an undergraduate transfer program in computer science.

- In June 2012, two Gaza University students, Walaa Abu Hassan and Siriya Qadada, were enrolled in the Center for Research and Learning's two month Summer UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program).

Best Practices

- Strong performance on the International Student Barometer, a world-wide survey of international students:
    - overall satisfaction with OIA support services: 96% approval rating compared with worldwide approval rate of 91%
    - quality of international admissions services for undergraduate applicants: 89% approval rate, compared to worldwide approval rating of 82%

- Produced and disseminated a new recruitment video entitled "IUPUI: Put us to the Test," including a version with Chinese subtitles. http://international.iupui.edu/video/

External Recognition, Achievements and Awards

- IUPUI's international admissions site http://iapply.iupui.edu was recognized at the Education USA Forum in Washington, DC for its language sites, navigation, and quality of recruitment video.

Finally, although the OIA did not play a direct role, a key highlight of the year was the honorary doctorate awarded to former economics professor Gang Yi, who now serves as deputy governor of the People's Bank of China, in April 2012. http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5560/Top-Chinese-finance-official-to-deliver-lecture-on-exchange-rate-at-IUPUI-receive-IU-honorary-degree