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TO: International Programs Advisory Committee  
FROM: William V. Flores   
SUBJECT: Revised Mission of the Committee

I want to personally thank those committee members who have been serving on this committee for a number of years and welcome the new members that are just now joining. I want to revisit the charge or mission of this committee. I would like to request that this committee initiate an international "scan" to determine the status of NMSU's internationalization effort focusing on international activities and to provide advice to Everett Egginton, Vice Provost for International & US-Mexico Border Programs, on campus-wide internationalization issues and concerns.

The American Council on Education has a new ACE Internationalization Laboratory initiative. This program is an outgrowth of the Internationalization Collaborative of which NMSU has been involved with since 2003. The Laboratory program consists of a small cluster of institutions working closely with ACE over a 12 to 16 month period to advance collective knowledge about the issues surrounding assessment and comprehensive internationalization.

Institutions electing to participate in this program conduct a review of their goals and internationalization strategies, develop strategic action plans, and share their learning with other member institutions. As the institutions assess their progress toward comprehensive internationalization and share knowledge, they also help to further refine the ACE internationalization review process. I would like for this committee to provide a recommendation to me on whether NMSU should participate in the ACE Internationalization Laboratory program. Please send your recommendation directly to Everett Egginton, MSC 3567, no later than Friday, April 28, 2006. If the response is positive, NMSU can start its participation in this program during the fall 2006 semester.

Thank you for your participation.