Report of International Programs Committee 2012-2013

Members:

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Charge:

Advise and make recommendations to the faculty and Dean concerning issues related to the Guanajuato Summer Law Institute, the Madrid Summer Law Institute, the Visiting Diplomat Program, study abroad, visiting international students, exchange agreements, international jobs and internships for UNMSOL students, and other international programs and initiatives. Assist the director of the Madrid Summer Law Institute to establish it as a solid, self-supporting program. Explore the feasibility of offering an LL.M. degree for international students with a first law degree from other countries in 2013-14 or 2014-15. Explore ways to internationalize the law school through the Fulbright program and other programs or opportunities. Monitor program compliance with pertinent ABA requirements and UNM policies.

Accomplishments:

Most of our focus on the International Programs Committee this year has been on the new Madrid program as well as on the Guanajuato Summer Law Institute. We really focused our efforts on finding synergies between the two programs. For example, we discussed common marketing strategies as a way to keep costs down for the two programs. Significant time was also spent with respect to ensuring that the Madrid Summer Law Institute would comply with all ABA requirements.

The committee also awarded need-based scholarships to certain program applicants. The scholarships were funded with grant money provided by main campus.

At committee meetings, we also have had some preliminary discussions about the possibility of starting an LL.M program for students from other countries. We talked about issues related to starting such a program, including cost for foreign students. We decided to explore these issues in greater depth next year.

Respectfully submitted, Sergio Pareja, Chair