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To: Kevin Kregel, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost
From: Russ Ganim, Associate Provost and Dean, International Programs
Re: Response to Provost's Summary and Recommendations to IP Program Review

Dear Kevin,

Thank you for your letter of December 8 outlining your conclusions and suggestions related to the formal review of International Programs conducted during the fall semester of 2020. Our office and related constituencies found your comments and the review committee report itself to be both useful and encouraging. We thank you for this thorough assessment and for your continuing support of International Programs.

As instructed, we shared your letter and the review committee report with the IP Staff and the Faculty Advisory Council, and received the following responses:

1. With respect to creating admissions pipelines for international students, our focus moving forward will involve negotiating articulation agreements with private and international high schools in countries such as Ghana, Tanzania, Oman, China, Malaysia, Brazil, and the United Arab Emirates, as well as a partnership with the Ministry of Education in Saudi Arabia to bring students to Iowa on a regular basis. The report mentions dual degree programs as a means to achieve this end, and while Iowa does have a number of these programs in place, the yields have proven to be relatively low over time. Our office will examine these existing agreements, and pursue new ones, to see if we can produce better recruitment numbers.
2. The Faculty Advisory Council suggested creating a task force focused on the Health Sciences to promote interdisciplinary activity related to global research and teaching

International Programs fully intends to move ahead with plans to create pipelines for international student recruitment as well as the task force for promoting global interdisciplinary activity in the health sciences. Likewise, we have created a subcommittee within the Faculty Advisory Council to develop metrics and set goals with regard to the recommendations set forth in your letter as well as the review committee report. I look forward to keeping you posted on our IP's progress during our monthly on-one-one meetings.

With all best wishes,

Russ Ganim, Associate Provost and Dean
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