

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: International Institute, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization to Allow the International Institute to Appoint Faculty
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

The International Institute in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts was established by the Regents in September 1993 as a “funding only” unit and was given a budget for teaching by faculty with appointments in other schools and colleges. The International Institute seeks to be named an “instructional unit” to enable it to work with departments to establish joint appointments with part-time effort from existing and new faculty. This change will not enable the International Institute to serve as a tenure home for appointed faculty.

The International Institute (II) seeks to internationalize education, advance global engagement, and promote innovation in order to enrich the learning environment for University of Michigan students and faculty. It offers four undergraduate concentrations, eight minors, and six graduate programs. The undergraduate concentration in International Studies has grown extensively since its establishment in 2009 and currently has one of the highest enrollments in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

In order to serve students across the II, it needs dedicated faculty with area studies expertise who can develop and offer consistent courses to meet students’ curricular needs. Looking ahead to creating a new master’s degree program in International and Area Studies and offering an Accelerated Degree Program in International Studies, the II will need faculty to teach and mentor students in these programs. Shifting a portion of faculty effort to the II will allow staff and faculty the flexibility to help grow existing programs and to plan for new ones. At the same time, it will enable the II to recruit faculty to serve as directors for our seventeen programs and centers, which are dedicated to interdisciplinary education and international engagement.

We seek this change to enable the International Institute to establish greater faculty involvement and create stable curricula for students in its undergraduate and master’s programs. We respectfully request approval to offer joint appointments in the International Institute, effective July 1, 2016.

Recommended by:



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