

Question Time

1) Recently the directorship of the Office of International Programs was changed to a new position: the Assistant Director for International Programming and moved from Academic Affairs to Student Affairs.

1) Why was this move made?

2) When will the position be filled so that students seeking exchange opportunities will be served?

Many faculty sat on the OIP's steering committee, worked with the Director on exchange programs for students, and many also have had on-going scholarly exchanges with foreign universities that were positively helped by the Office of International Programs' Director. The shift from Academic Affairs to Student Affairs would seem to organizationally mean that faculty scholarly exchanges would not be a responsibility of the new position.

3) Does OAA plan to develop a position held by a person with a terminal academic degree to help maintain, foster, and grow such exchanges for IPFW's faculty – at least as a coordinator with the numerous grant and exchange opportunities offered by Indiana University's and/or Purdue's International Programs offices?

As a growing university with rising research expectations, it would seem an important position to have for our faculty.

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