A meeting of the International Studies Advisory Council was held on Thursday Oct. 14, 2014 at 3:30 in the Dean’s Conference Room of Copeland Hall.

Present: Amy Rundstrom, Barbara Amundson, Steve Amundson, Diana Jones, Will Aviles, Sonja Kropp, Suzanne Maughan, Tone Mendoza, Matt Mims, Megan Hartman

Absent: Ann Marie Park, Sylvia Asay

The meeting began by welcoming Megan Hartman as a new member of the Council representing the College of Fine Arts and Humanities.

Lilly then updated the Council regarding this year’s INTS Service Scholarship recipients. The plan connecting them with the Exchange Visitors has not been a great success as the scholarship recipients have pretty consistently contacted the EVs to participate in various events but have received almost no response. The problem may be that the new EVs do not read their emails. We need to try to get hold of their phone numbers. In the meantime, we are giving the scholarship recipients credit for the time spent and are encouraging them to get hours any way they can.

The council then discussed progress on the upcoming annual International and Study Abroad Fair on Nov. 10. Committee members provided information on who has agreed to attend. There was some additional discussion about budgets and ordering food.

The Council then agreed to set the date for Masha Gessen’s visit on April 2. Lilly will visit various appropriate departments for support and make the arrangements. The council discussed the idea of having some kind of reception also.

The next item on the agenda was assessment. Lilly provided two documents for review. One was a revision of Learning Objectives, the other the Capstone Rubric. The revised LO document included the idea (so far just for discussion purposes) of including something about Intercultural or Global Competence. Apparently there are a number of surveys available to assess this skill which would likely improve as students take courses and especially after a study abroad experience. Mims said he could find various surveys free of charge and volunteered to take this on for the committee. The new Rubric for the Capstone included now a section that verifies the use of interdisciplinary sources.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30. Since Lilly will be out of town for the 3rd Thursday of November, the next meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of November, on November 13 at 3:30 in the Dean’s conference room of NSS.