

POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 219

TO: All Faculty, Staff and Students
FROM: Charles W. Steger
DATE: August 5, 2002
SUBJECT: Support of International Outreach Programming

Approved with revisions by the Commission on Student Affairs: November 15, 2001
Approved by University Council: February 4, 2002
Approved by the President: March 19, 2001
Effective:

The University Council, on recommendation of the Commission on Student Affairs, approved with friendly amendment a resolution supporting international outreach programming.

Following is the text of the resolution as adopted by University Council.

WHEREAS, following the events of September 11, the need for cultural understanding of all people has taken on a greater urgency than ever before; and

WHEREAS, according to theorists, such as Perry, Chickering, and Baxter-Magolda, student development is a holistic process and does not occur solely in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, a significant mission of the University is to educate students for global citizenship and to expose students to new ways to see the world around them so that they might become ambassadors for peace; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Tech Strategic Plan calls for the University to welcome and nurture a diversity of people and ideas at the University; and

WHEREAS, at least 10% of Virginia Tech's diverse population includes international students from 118 countries, thus providing an ideal environment for interactive learning and expansion of personal growth for the whole campus community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University initiate and administer a structured program, including: a student-oriented focus on a specific region each year, ongoing cross-cultural opportunities, outreach to student organizations, etc., with the goal that the Virginia Tech campus be a microcosm of a peaceful, tolerant world.

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