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Subject: Supporting the university's internationalization - call for taskforce volunteers

Dear colleagues,

Yesterday, a roomful of staff plus more on WebEx attended Vice Provost Laura Spitz's presentation about what Cornell is doing in terms of internationalization. We were not able to record the presentation but many of her points can be found in this article: http://news.cornell.edu/stories/2016/07/laura-spitz-cornells-mission-global-engagement .

I'm following up on the subject of how CUL can enhance our support for the University's international goal. When we held the follow-up discussion after the All-staff meeting, we purposefully focused on two narrow questions: What can the library do to support the University's goal for studying abroad? What does the library need to offer in order to better support the 21% of international students already on this campus? After several additional conversations, it has become clear that the best first step is to undertake a quick environmental scan. We need to understand what is currently being offered, to who and by whom so to identify CUL's gaps and opportunities. My team recommended that we form a taskforce. This taskforce will,

- Gather information and report on services CUL currently provides to support Study Abroad or international projects, and to support international faculty, students, visiting scholars at Cornell.

- Gather information about services and support that are being offered by non-CUL units to the same population noted above.

- Recommend a SMART* goal-based model to sustain CUL's support to Cornell's internationalization. This would include what CUL as a whole should do to develop knowledge and skills for supporting internationalization; how CUL units can continuously assess and decide what to continue or to retire in order to best align resources with services for their particular programs/population; how to fully utilize the information gathered and staff suggestions from previous open meetings; and lastly, what criteria to use that would demonstrate success at both the CUL and unit levels.

    *SMART stands for *specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound.*

The group is expected to start working in late August and will end on May 1st, 2017. This is an amazing opportunity to explore and be creative. If you are interested in serving on this group**, please email me (xin.li@cornell.edu) by August 15th.**

Thank you,

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