



Department of International Language and Culture Studies

Modern Foreign Languages Community Advisory Council

The mission of Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne is:

“To provide quality post-secondary education in northeastern Indiana by placing student learning, intellectual exploration and attainment, and service to the region at the center of the university.”

In addition, the mission of the Department of International Language and Culture Studies is the following:

“The Department of International Language and Culture Studies seeks to provide non-majors with basic linguistic skills needed to communicate in everyday situations as well as cultural knowledge which will enable them to understand and appreciate the uniqueness of another language group. Majors will receive a broad foundation in language, literature and culture/civilization in preparation for a career or graduate studies within our disciplines or as a prelude to pursuit of a career in other areas where proficiency in a foreign language and an international perspective are important assets.”

To that end a Council will be established. Its purpose is to provide professional direction to the Department of International Language and Culture Studies so that it enhances its ability to accomplish the goals set forth in the mission statements above. In this way the community is well served by the department and is well informed of the departmental mission; and the students, alumni and faculty of the department will benefit from opportunities as they become available.

More specifically, the Council shall:

1. Bridge the academic and community worlds
 - a. By building relationships between the community and the faculty and students of the department of Department of International Language and Culture Studies.
 - b. By supporting the department's goal of providing a high quality and relevant education.
 - c. By nurturing the talents of students and faculty.
 - d. By promoting opportunities for faculty and student participation within the community.
 - e. By making the department aware of special needs and resources in the community.
 - f. By supporting the department in fostering adequate professional career opportunities for graduates.
2. Act as an advocate within and outside the University.
3. Promote the identity, strengths, and quality of the department to northeast Indiana.
4. Promote financial development efforts that provide necessary resources for the department and support the department in ensuring adequate laboratory technology to enhance student skills.
5. Advise and assist in fund development of scholarships, capital projects and special projects.

