The International Plan

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What is it?

- New initiative to address what many students are looking for – a coherent and meaningful way to incorporate international education and experience into their major

- Help achieve GT’s strategic goal that 50% of undergraduates will graduate with international experience

- Part of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) of the SACS accreditation
What is involved?

- A degree-long program that develops the international competence of students by integrating:
  - foreign language acquisition
  - study of core international subjects
  - overseas study and/or work experience

... within the student’s major, and completed in a timely fashion.
More specifics

- Language study (2 years plus overseas experience)
  - Foreign Language Option
  - English Language Option

- International coursework (3 courses)
  - Comparative International Studies
  - Global Economics
  - Study of a particular world region or country

- Overseas experience
  - One full term of study
  - Second term of study, research or work

- Capstone course in major that brings it all together
Some key points

- Payoff – “International Plan” designation on diploma
- It is an option within existing undergraduate degrees
  - Not a new degree
  - Not a minor
  - No BOR approval required
Current status

- 10-12 degree programs participating and seeking approval within their school/college

- Working in parallel with IUCC for degree designator

- Approval for degree designator and individual school/college plans to be discussed at the October IUCC meeting

- Faculty Senate approval sought in December

- Begin recruiting students spring for fall 2005
Part of QEP

- Five years to develop and implement the program
- Funding to launch and sustain the program
  - Language instruction
  - International courses
  - Development of study abroad and overseas internships
  - Effort within colleges and schools to modify or create capstone course and to develop overseas partners.
We’d like your help

- Inform your constituencies about this new initiative and solicit input from them

- Feedback from you and your constituencies now and into the future to help shape the plan