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To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Covadonga Lamar Prieto, Chair
Committee on International Education

RE: Campus Review: [Proposal] Pilot Program for Globalizing Undergraduates Students' Learning Experience

The Committee on International education reviewed the proposal and considered that it could provide a very useful learning opportunity for UCR students. There was no unanimity in the endorsing of this plan, however. The faculty members of the Committee agreed that they would like to see more details about the implementation plan, especially regarding the concept of "globalizing" and the service that faculty member would provide to the program.

While the majority of faculty members see it as an opportunity for our students, through which they could enrich their education here and which would make them more attractive for future employers, there is also the understanding that this global certificate is not the same as a true international experience, including exchanges, where the student would visit a different country. The faculty members would like some clarification as to this point.

Regarding to the second concern, faculty are partaking in a number of service activities as is, so proper credit needs to be given to those faculty that enlist in the activities of creating the global option tracks in their department (or department groups). The proposal indicated that there would be some kind of retribution for the faculty in the first three Departments, but there is no information regarding how this plan would be implemented –or under which funding it would be sponsored- in other Departments. Some guidance along the way from VPIA Kalu's office would be favored.