Imperative XI

Emphasize global education.

Executive Summary

“Recognizing that its sphere of Christian influence is the world itself, Baylor must prepare its graduates to enter a pluralistic and global society. To strengthen our efforts in international education, we will:

(1) Increase the number and quality of Baylor’s international programs.”
   The number of Baylor’s international programs has increased, from 50 programs in fiscal year 2002 to 93 programs in fiscal year in 2010. (p. 2)

(2) “Raise the level of participation by students in study abroad programs.”
   The level of participation by students in study abroad programs has fluctuated between fiscal year 2003 and fiscal year 2010. There was a decline in participation between fiscal year 2002 and fiscal year 2003 which can be attributed to the events of September 11, 2001. (p. 3)

(3) “Increase the percentage of international students on campus.”
   The percentage of undergraduate international students on campus has remained relatively constant since fiscal year 2005. The percentage of international graduate students has declined between fiscal year 2005 and 2010. (p. 4-5)

(4) “Expand international opportunities for faculty and graduate students.”
   The number of international programs has increased from 50 in fiscal year 2002 to 93 in fiscal year 2010. This increase has expanded opportunities for faculty and students. (p. 5)
Further Detail

(1) “Increase the number and quality of Baylor’s international programs.”

- The number of international programs at Baylor has been steadily increasing since fiscal year 2002.
- All programs are available on-line for review and consideration by parents and students.
- Safety and security procedures have been implemented by Baylor based upon consultation with third party experts.
- Pre-departure orientation and information sessions are provided to assist students in preparing for their international experience.
- A new program (BearsAbroad) to track all elements of the study abroad program has been adopted and is currently online. Baylor continually explores ways to make the administration process as simple and efficient as possible while maintaining a high level of safety.

Source: Center for International Education
(2) “Raise the level of participation by students in study abroad programs.”

- The number of students participating in study abroad programs has been increasing since fiscal year 2003. There was a decline in student participation between 2002 and 2003. This decline can be attributed to the effects of the events of September 11, 2001. The decline in student participation in 2009 can be attributed to the economy.

- The number of students participating in study abroad programs has increased by 34% from fiscal year 2001 (prior to 9/11) to fiscal year 2010. In fiscal year 2010, Baylor had 93 study abroad programs and sent a total of 852 students abroad for academic credit. In addition, many students have traveled abroad on mission trips but receive no academic credit (177 in 2007, 105 in 2008, 110 in 2009, and 279 in 2010).

- In fiscal year 2010, the Goodrich Scholarship was awarded to 108 Baylor students. The total amount in scholarships was over $239,000. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of need and merit for participation in study or research abroad programs.

Number of Students Enrolled in Study Abroad Programs for Academic Credit

Source: Center for International Education
(3) “Increase the percentage of international students on campus.”

- The percentage of undergraduate international students decreased in fiscal years 2004 and 2005. For the past four years, however, this percentage has risen to 4.2%.

- The percentage of graduate international students peaked in fiscal year 2005. The current percentage of graduate international students is 13.6%.

- According to the “Open Doors” report published by the Institute of International Education, international students represented 4.3% of total U.S. higher education enrollment in 2001-02 (2.8% of total undergraduate students and 13.7% of total graduate students). In 2009-10, the percentage of international students declined to 3.6% of total U.S. higher education enrollment (1.7% of total undergraduate students and 10.8% of total graduate students).
(4) “International opportunities for faculty and graduate students.”

- The number of international programs has increased from 50 in fiscal year 2002 to 93 in fiscal year 2010. See the chart on page 2.