This committee:

1) advises the Senate and the Chancellor on matters related to international education and the status and welfare of international students and scholars on the Berkeley campus.

2) Advises and consults with the Dean of International and Area Studies, the Director of Berkeley Programs for Study Abroad, and the Director of Services for International Students and Scholars.

3) Initiates policy recommendations regarding international education, including the Education Abroad Program and the status and welfare of international students and scholars on the Berkeley campus.

4) Provides guidance, advice, and oversight regarding all academic matters related to international education. These matters include issues related to the Education Abroad Program, such as student selection, selection of Study Center Directors, and reviews of Study Centers.

The Committee on International Education (CIE) met five times during the 2006/2007 academic year and considered the following issues:

Berkeley Programs for Study Abroad (BPSA)

BPSA Faculty Director Khatharya Um regularly updated the committee on the issues her office worked on in the 2006-2007 year. These issues included academic integration, making programs more accessible to students from low-income families, and finding ways to serve students who want to study in places where the Education Abroad Program (EAP) does not have a presence.

Campus-Sponsored Non-EAP Instructional Programs in Foreign Countries

The committee was asked to comment on a memo from Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost George Breslauer which asked for comments about whether EAP’s policy of suspending programs in countries with a travel warning should apply to non-EAP instructional programs on campus. The committee agreed that before a policy can be applied to non-EAP instructional programs, the liability issues involved with sending students into countries with travel warnings need to be clarified. The committee also agreed that more information was needed on the scope of international programs on campus before a decision can be made on what policy to apply.

Non-EAP Programs
The committee chair and vice chair met with the directors of the Office of Admissions and Enrollment (A&E) to discuss how to better serve students who go on non-EAP Programs. The primary issues discussed were: 1) tracking students who go on non-EAP programs, 2) streamlining the credit transfer process, 3) determining the quality of non-EAP programs attended by Cal students, 4) using student feedback on non-EAP programs to improve EAP programs.

In an effort to resolve the tracking issue, the Office of the Registrar (OR) established a new code in the “reason for leaving” field for students who withdraw from Berkeley to go to a non-EAP program. This will allow OR to determine how many students go on non-EAP programs. In order to track where the students go, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions (OUA) will evaluate the type of transcript information it receives for students who apply for readmission in order to determine the nature of their study. The Financial Aid office can also help track students by looking at those who request financial aid for study abroad.

Solutions to the other issues discussed include adding questions to the Undergraduate Experience Survey (UCUES) regarding non-EAP programs or CIE and A&E could work with the Office of Student Research (OSR) on a survey for non-EAP students. CIE and A&E also discussed contacting UC Davis and UC San Diego to learn more about their study abroad programs and whether they could serve as a model for Berkeley.