

However, several questions came up through phone calls and emails to the Committee Chair from faculty directors of various study abroad programs about budgets as a challenge to what the Institute for Global Studies had told them.

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To: University Faculty Senate

From: James M. Dean
Academic Appeals Committee

Subject: University Senate Standing Committee Report

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From: Fred T. Hofstetter, Chair
Committee on Instructional, Computing, and Research Support Services
(ICRSS)

The ICRSS committee held three face-to-face meetings (on 10 December 2009, 4 February 2010, and 23 April 2010) and used our Sakai site for conducting committee business in between meetings. We have reviewed and discussed the IT reports at <http://www.udel.edu/IT-activity/>, and we are pleased by the responsiveness of Vice

President Carl Jacobson, who attended all three of our meetings personally this year along with members of his staff who demonstrated key initiatives that are underway. ICRSS reviewed the Google Apps agreement whereby UD students will have udel.edu Gmail accounts for life along with Google Docs, Google Sites, and Google Calendar. We studied the procedures UD faculty and staff use to get started using Gmail and made suggestions for improvements.

The committee passed a motion recommending that the per-student per-course (PSPC) payment model used for faculty who teach UD online courses beyond load should become an option for all teaching beyond load regardless of delivery mechanism. PSPC helps graduate programs offer a broader array of courses, and for undergraduates, it enables faculty to be more creative and innovative in starting new programs that may initially have low enrollments. During the discussion, it was mentioned that 40% of UD Online sections have low enrollment that would not meet the 6/10 rule.

During the coming year, ICRSS plans to bring before the Senate a resolution encouraging UD departments to make more use of the DSpace Institutional Repository of UD research in digital form. This repository is online at <http://dspace.udel.edu>. DSpace is the same engine that powers Stanford University's open publishing repository at <http://openarchive.stanford.edu>.