

Summary of CAM Recommendations from Sixth Cycle

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| International Relations | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The department should engage in serious discussions with the Provost, the dean, and the Department of Political Science regarding collaboration on a number of fronts and a possible merger of the two departments. 2. Using the rubric developed for scoring theses, the department should include an analysis of thesis work in its next assessment report. 3. Provide an analysis of the effectiveness of the internship in the June 30, 2012 assessment report. 4. Continue to maintain the updated website. 5. Work with Graduate Studies to obtain results from the graduate exit survey, which is currently under development. Data from the survey should be incorporated into the department's program assessment reports. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion did take place on LCA Council meetings about the prospect of a merger between IR and PLSI. The conclusion of those discussions was that no merger should take place without the agreement of both departments. Collaboration between the two departments is proceeding apace. Recently, a PLSI faculty member has joined the RTP Committee to review the promotion of an IR faculty member. The staff person who coordinates graduate internships in IR has held discussions with PLSI for coordinating their internships also. 2. The Assessment Report submitted by the IR Department on 27 July 2012 has a 12-point rubric for IR MA theses and an 11-point rubric for Internship Reports. 3. The Assessment Report does examine the effectiveness of MA internships. It finds that many students were able to find prestigious and useful internships. Questions remain about students' roles in these internships. The Department has engaged the services of Kathy Johnson to coordinate and improve the internship program. 4. The IR Department has just completed a thorough overhaul and improvement of its web site with the assistance of the LCA College. 5. Work with Graduate Studies will proceed as data becomes available. |