A message from Provost Jeremy Haefner...

Colleagues,

As many of you know, I have frequently referred to this year as the year of Global Education at RIT. It will be a year where we focus our attention on defining and clarifying the goals, policies, and strategies which ensure students attain the education needed for success in a global society. Study abroad programs are fundamentally important to our plans for global education and we have set some aggressive goals for student and faculty participation in study abroad over the next three years. Our ability to successfully develop and grow opportunities for our students to study, research, and work abroad will require a set of standard operating procedures which are flexible enough to accommodate unique program offerings and yet consistent enough to ensure that both students, parents, and faculty have sufficient information to plan and formulate expectations of our programs. With this in mind, in Spring Quarter I established a cross-college and crossdivisional working group charged with consolidating information about our tuition, pricing, and financial aid practices for our Study Abroad programs. In pulling this information together, the group was charged with recommending a framework and a set of processes which:

- Provided clarity and minimized multiple fees and administrative burdens on students and participating faculty
- Clarified established RIT tuition and financial aid policies
- Clarified how RIT’s policy on tuition assistance for dependents of employees would be applied toward a wide variety of study abroad programs
- Encouraged revenue neutrality by minimizing the outflow of tuition revenue to other “affiliate” universities offering study abroad programs to our students
- Provided incentives for faculty to develop RIT led programs—especially at our own international partner campuses in Croatia, Dubai, Kosovo, and the Dominican Republic.

The group completed its work and submitted a set of recommended procedures which distinguish between the three general types of study abroad options we currently provide: 1. RIT faculty led programs—programs initiated and led by RIT faculty at a host international partner (not one of RIT’s international campuses); 2. RIT Global programs—programs offered at our international partner campuses; 3. “Affiliate” programs—programs offered by other universities through an agreement with RIT. These guidelines are posted on the Provost’s website under the Inclusivity and Global Education section.

The process of consolidating this information underscored a need to establish consistent guidelines for the application of RIT’s policy on Tuition Waiver for dependents of RIT employees. In making its recommendations on this topic, the group worked closely with Human Resources to formulate procedures which ensure dependents of RIT employees can take advantage of study abroad opportunities in a cost effective and equitable way. The protocol for tuition waivers for the dependents of RIT employees will go into effect on July 1, 2011. All other aspects of these recommendations are considered to be currently in effect.
If you have general questions on study abroad pricing and the development of study abroad programs, you may contact either Ty Stewart at 475-7634 or Jim Myers at 475-4772.

For more information about Tuition Waiver benefits, you may refer to the Human Resources website at http://finweb.rit.edu/humanresources/benefits/education/index.html#2, or contact your benefits representative in the Human Resources Department based on the first letter of your last name as follows:

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