Recommendation of the University Committee to approve the Policy Statement on Foreign Students as submitted by the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Office of International Studies and Programs. (To become official UWM policy, it must be approved by the Faculty Senate.)

Policy Statement on Foreign Students at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

I. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee affirms its belief that there is great value in a continued foreign student presence within the University community. The inclusion of foreign students within the UWM student body gives the University's American students an introduction to other cultures, languages, and political systems and helps to reinforce academic courses that teach that the United States is but part of an increasingly interdependent world. The foreign students profit in a similar fashion, acquiring an understanding of the United States, its people and institutions.

II. In enrolling foreign students, UWM accepts the legal responsibilities that derive from U.S. immigration law, responsibilities that include being "...as certain as possible that students are academically, linguistically, and financially capable of succeeding in a U.S. educational environment." (Selection and Admission of Foreign Students, Guidelines Series 2, National Association for Foreign Student Affairs, 1978).

UWM acknowledges that among concerns that require explicit attention before foreign students are admitted are:

A. Foreign educational credentials are reviewed by competent evaluators who apply clear and consistent institutional standards.

B. English language proficiency is adjudged to be sufficient and appropriate to the field and level of study.

C. Special services which may be required, including orientation, community assistance, personal and academic counseling, and special language programs, are adequate, currently available, and provided by staff especially trained for these purposes.

III. Once foreign students are admitted and enrolled in their selected programs at UWM, the University guarantees that these students will be subject to the same procedures that affect all non-resident students and will have access to the same programs and legal safeguards.

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