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STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONALISATION: PROGRESS REPORT

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KEY OBJECTIVES OF STRATEGIC PLAN

Ideological:

- Fostering the acquisition of international collaboration skills, good practices in research and academic connections through the joint participation in international research projects and other International endeavors.
- Advancing the principles of multiculturalism in order to bridge gaps within Israeli society and acquire multicultural practices (e.g., languages).



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Academic and professional :

- Broadening and enriching academic horizons of faculty and students.
- Developing of professional capacities in education.
- Issuing joint degrees with reputable academic institutions



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Social and economic:

- Developing employment opportunities for College graduates.
- Gaining access to more resources – human, financial, academic and professional.
- Finding opportunities for increased scholastic and academic mobility for faculty.



STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

- Begin to disseminate internationalisation:
 - Engaging BBC's International Relations Steering Committee in planning the process of internationalisation.
 - Conducting a survey of faculty attitudes and competence towards teaching international courses.
- Reorganize BBC's International Relations Department



PROGRESS MADE IN 2014

- Survey of faculty attitudes towards internationalisation of the curriculum
- Appointment of a new director of IRO (May 2014)
IRO's immediate objectives include:
 - Renewal of ties with partner institutions
 - Assessment of existing partnership agreements
 - Upgrading website and promotional materials in English



CONSTRAINTS

- Renewing existing contacts has been slow.
 - Some partners are unresponsive.



- Some IROs are only student-exchange oriented



WAYS TO OVERCOME CONSTRAINTS

- Engage faculty and seek ways to renew academic connections through them.
- Establish a contact information bank to share between the partners.

QUESTIONS TO THE GROUP

- What is the role of the IRO in reviving existing agreements, and how do we go about it?

