ANNUAL REPORT for 2006-2007

Unit Name: Center for International Studies

Key Administrator: Joel Glassman, Associate Provost, Academic Affairs. Director.

Mission Statement:

The Center for International Studies is the lead unit in designing and implementing the campus' international education agenda. The Center supports academic and other programs designed to internationalize the campus and insure that students graduate with the international competence they will need to function in a world that is increasingly globalized. In addition, the Center conducts programs to internationalize the community by sharing university resources and expertise and cooperates through partnerships with organizations that enhance the region's cultural life and contribute to the economic development of the region. The Center's Office of International Student and Scholar Services coordinates and provides services for the campus and international students and scholars including recruiting, admissions, immigration, orientation, taxation issues and non-academic advising.

Executive Summary of Key Accomplishments

The international agenda of the campus continued to mature during 2006 and 2007. The campus saw enrollments of international students expand and numbers of study abroad students continue to grow. Our outreach programs, primarily funded by endowed professorships, continued to grow in number and audience. This period also overlapped the seventh and eighth seasons of the international performing arts series.

Special efforts were made this year to reorganize the International Affairs Advisory Committee. (See Appendix Q) This group has been generous in providing students with scholarship funds and internship opportunities. Their efforts are especially critical as more students study abroad and as we enroll more students in the International MBA program.

A high priority this year has been to develop new initiatives to recruit international students. We are especially encouraged by the opening of a language center on the UM-SL campus by ELS Language Centers of Princeton, N.J. The language center offers intensive English language instruction that prepares students for college admission or for