Dear colleagues:

The purpose of our meeting on February 15, 2011 is to hear a short presentation from Laurie Melby, who is the Program Director for the E-BUS (Education Bound U.S.) program in China. As most of you know, I wrote the Substantive Change Report (which was approved by the Commission) for the program, which promised that the Senate Academic Standards Sub-Committee would provide occasional oversight and review of the effectiveness of the instructional portion of the program, as comes under our purview.

Now that the program has now been running for over a year, including both the ESL portion, and the college-credit transfer portion, I believe it is time for us to meet with Laurie and get some in-depth updates about the program. To prepare for our meeting, I reviewed the Substantive Change Report, and sent Laurie a list of questions, and we met this morning with Betty Disney, who is serving in a part-time capacity as the faculty liaison and curriculum coordinator for the program. I am pleased to report that I am very satisfied with the excellent programming and the dedication and work of their fine Task Force (of which fellow Senator and ESL instructor Dr. Linda Kuntzman is a member) which meets weekly through Skype with the staff in China to brainstorm solutions and to plan; they also have undertaken quality assessment of all aspects of their student’s learning.

To prepare for our meeting, please visit [www.coastline.edu/ebus](http://www.coastline.edu/ebus) where you can get more information about the program and to see the quality of the materials the team has developed (the faculty manual, for example). Then, come prepared with any questions you think an inquiring faculty member (or visiting Accreditation team member!) might have about program quality and/or questions about what the program coordinators might be doing to ensure a top quality and effective instructional program.

Thanks for your participation in ensuring this innovative program is “Coastline strong.”