Proposal to open Exchange Program at Rotterdam University, fall 2010-11.

RATIONALE: The UW-Eau Claire College of Business has identified a new partner institution with which it would like to develop an exchange program.

During the summer of 2009, two deans of Rotterdam University’s Business School and several faculty members from Rotterdam University visited UW Eau Claire’s College of Business to review curriculum and discuss exchange possibilities with UWEC faculty and the staff of the CIE.

UWEC College of Business chairs and associate deans met later to review this exchange, and recommended its implementation. CIE agrees this will provide an excellent and affordable opportunity for UWEC business students in particular to study in a nation where we currently offer no study abroad programs.

CIE proposes to implement this exchange for the fall of 2010-11.

ENROLLMENT LIMITS: As an exchange program, enrollments would be agreed upon annually by mutual consent of the two institutions.

CURRICULUM: The primary intent is to send and receive students of business, although we would frame the terms of the exchange to extend to students in other academic disciplines as well. Rotterdam University also provides degree programs delivered in English in the following fields: Education, Social Work, Art Media and Design, Communication and Information Technology.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Student Housing at Rotterdam University rents shared dorm rooms to single-semester or academic year students. The dorms are within the City of Rotterdam, although not necessarily on-campus.

CALENDAR: Semester or academic year exchange.

ESTIMATED COSTS: As an exchange program, UWEC students would pay tuition and fees to UWEC. The estimated spring 2011 Wisconsin resident charge is $4,100. This includes full-time tuition, CISI insurance and administrative fees. MN residents may apply for reciprocity, while non-residents should add $900. Additional costs: Passport, residence permit, housing, food, personal expenses, and roundtrip transportation from Minneapolis to Rotterdam. Estimate another $7,300 for these expenses.

ELIGIBILITY: The program is open to all currently enrolled, degree-seeking UW-Eau Claire students. A minimum GPA of 2.5 and good academic standing are required at the time of application. Freshman may apply but must have sophomore standing by the time the program begins.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE/FOREIGN CULTURE REQUIREMENTS: The program would fulfill the entire Foreign Language/Foreign Culture requirement.