IIC Summary Fall 2010

The committee focused on the International Student Reception and encouraged all students to attend. The event was held in the library lobby – a site chosen to interact with a variety of locations on campus for International events. In order to make the event more interactive, students were required to complete a project to received DGV credit. A bingo card was designed by Maimun Khan and others and implemented at the reception. The students had to network with others at the event to fill up their cards. The students seemed to enjoy the interactions and got to know a variety of other students in a fun way.

The International Book Discussion for the Fall Institute was *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. Continuing our exploration of African countries (having discussed *Unbowed* by Dr. Wangari Maathai of Kenya during the Summer Institute in May), *Things Fall Apart* focuses on Nigeria and especially the conflicts and the pressures of tribal life and of Colonialism.

Study Abroad presentations were scheduled for Utica and Rome as part of the Cultural Events. Sandra Engel introduced the sessions and Carolyn West Pace and Jedediah Kimball gave presentations on recent and future study abroad courses/trips.

Planning for the International Festival was ongoing. Displays, lectures, music, workshops, exhibits, and artwork are coordinated by the committee and others at the college.

Sandra Engel kept the committee updated about the visiting faculty member in Spring 2011 and International Education. Darla Maffei spoke about international students at the college.