Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)

George H.W. Bush School of Government and Public Service
International Advisory Board
Texas A&M University
Scowcroft Core Mission

• To increase the visibility, stature, and reputation of the Bush School in the academic and policy communities by:

• supporting faculty/student research, capstones, internships and travel,
• hosting speakers, post-doctoral and practitioner fellows, and scholarly conferences producing books,
• providing grants to outside researchers to use the Bush Library holdings,
• publishing a Scowcroft working & research paper series,
• awarding a Scowcroft book prize annually
Supporting faculty and students

- **Continue the Scowcroft Institute Faculty Research Grants**
  Through a generous endowment provided by Lt. Gen. Scowcroft, the Institute supports Texas A&M University faculty performing policy-relevant international affairs research.

- **Continue Bush School International Affairs Capstone Support**
  The Scowcroft Institute provides support for capstone research projects carried out by Bush School international affairs students.

- **Continue the Ansary faculty manuscript review conferences**
  This program brings scholars from outside the Bush School and Texas A&M to College Station to review several chapters from a Bush School faculty members working manuscript. The conference is also attended by members of the Bush School faculty and designed to assist the manuscripts’ author to hone their work prior to publication

- **Visiting fellows program for prominent journalists and retired policymakers – new program**
  SIIA will offer fellowships of shorter duration for prominent journalists or retired policy makers focused on international affairs who will participate Bush School events, hold working lunches with faculty and students, give lectures at the noon hour, and write a shorter policy paper on a current international public policy issue of their choosing.
Supporting Faculty and Students

• **Podcast policy series – new program**
  SIIA will experiment with a pilot program of podcast series on topical issues by faculty members, Scowcroft fellows, and visiting speakers. This will demonstrate faculty expertise to the broader policy and scholarly community (and potential students) outside the school in particular international affairs disciplines which the Bush School has developed depth in.

• **Promotion of faculty research – new program**
  One measure used to rank the quality of professional schools is the quality and volume of faculty research and published scholarship. Thus the peer reviewed publications of Bush School faculty members enhances the reputation of the school. The SIIA proposes to take out advertising in major foreign policy journals to publicize new articles and books by Bush School faculty.

• **Grant writing support for faculty applying for foundation or USG grants – new program**
  This program will provide grant-identification opportunities from US government agencies, international institutions, foundations, and think tanks, and will then support IA faculty members applying for these grants.

• **Continue International Affairs Speaker Seminar and the Humphrys’ Lecture Series Programs**
  Many students interested in attending the Bush School often ask whether the physical location of the campus will isolate them from speakers and events in Washington and internationally. This Speakers program will endeavor to bring Washington and the world to the Bush School by inviting prominent speakers or speakers with a specific expertise on an issue in the news to give major lectures to larger audiences.
Hosting Speakers and Conferences

• **Visiting academic speakers program – new program**
  SIIA will establish an academic speakers program, separate from the International Affairs Speaker and Humphry’s Lecture Series programs, to bring prominent and up and coming academics to the School to speak over the lunch hour followed by a lunch with the faculty to discuss their research.

• **Continue the Lone Star National Security Forum**
  This annual event, co-hosted with the LBJ School at University of Texas and the Tower Institute at Southern Methodist University, brings together national-security scholars from Texas schools and leading scholars from all over the U.S. to discuss new research.

• **2014 Conferences and book publication**
  SIIA will continue to hold conferences, including those sponsored with other TAMU schools and faculties, on issues of current or historical importance. For the next calendar year we propose to hold three conferences: on the risks and consequences of a major world-wide pandemic of a bio-terrorist attack of communicable disease or one naturally occurring such as H1N1 (Avian Flu) and a second conference on the 25th anniversary of the Fall of the Wall and the collapse of Soviet control over Eastern Europe and the consequences into the future, and a third called Reassessing Putin’s Russia with Tim Snyder as Keynote.
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- **One to two year Post and Pre-doctoral Scowcroft fellows program – new program**
  This is the most costly of the new programs and will provide fellowships for promising, young scholars studying some sub-discipline of international affairs to the Bush School who are working on their PhD dissertations or who have received their PhDs, but do not yet have a teaching position.

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- **Scowcroft book prize – new program**
  The Scowcroft book award will be given to an international affairs scholar who has published a first book of note. The award will be for $2000. Recipients will be asked when they visit to accept the award to give a lecture at the Bush School to faculty and students on their book.

- **Development of relationships with other institutions**
  The Bush School faculty and the SIIA has long standing relationships with other schools in Texas through the Lone Star Conference, and with the National Intelligence Council.

- **Working and research paper series on Black Swan events or trends– new program**
  SIIA will establish a research, policy, and briefing paper series written by faculty members, Scowcroft fellows, and outside experts on topical issues. The papers will be published electronically on the Bush School website.