

IEC MEETING MINUTES
Oct 20, 2016, 3:45pm
Library 020

Committee Members Present: Gareth Barkin, Debbie C Chee, Lea Fortmann, Eowyn L Greeno, Diane D Kelley, Kriszta Kotsis, John R Lear, Roy Robinson, Zoe D Scott, Mike Z Spivey, Nicholai J Sekino.

Fortmann called meeting to order at 3:45pm.

Announcements:

Barkin announced Southeast Asia Symposium on October 28-29, and also that Kittredge would be hosting two batik workshops this upcoming Friday and Saturday. For information or to sign up go to <http://www.pugetsound.edu/liase/2016-symposium/>

Kittredge Gallery will be hosting an exposition of art by former and current faculty tomorrow.

Pervious meeting's minutes: Approved with minor revisions. M/S/P

Agenda Items:

1. Petition by Kathryn Adler to waive requirement that states that students need to be on campus the semester before going abroad.

Adler would like to participate in the Arcadia London program in Spring 17 despite having had taken two incompletes in spring 16 and being on a leave of absence due to medical conditions for fall 16. After discussion of the student's petition letter, the committee denies this petition because:

- The policy seems to provide for situations exactly like this one; in order to give the student the best chances of success in an abroad program, the university wants to ascertain that the student is in good health and good standing for the semester s/he will go abroad.
- The student's letter did not adequately address why she needs to go abroad spring 17 and not wait until fall 18 or later when she could do so according to policy.
- Although OIP requested documentation from her doctor that she is recovered, it was not received. She still is under constant medical supervision right now.

2. Petition by Lotus Perry to replace all currently approved abroad programs in China and Taiwan with CET programs.

Puget Sound currently offers the Alliance Beijing and Alliance Shanghai programs. Alliance Beijing is being cancelled and Alliance Shanghai has presented administrative difficulties and also has many more students than before. Perry also would like to re-institute the previously approved SIT program in Yunnan province. Ultimately, Perry is asking to replace 5 semester

programs with 5 different semester programs and 1 summer program.

Eliminated programs (this year or recently):

Alliance Beijing
Alliance Shanghai
Alliance Xi'an
IES Yunnan
CIEE Taiwan Taipei

To add:

CET China Beijing Intensive Language and Internship Option
CET China Harbin Intensive Language Immersion
CET China Shanghai Internship
CET Taiwan Taipei Intensive Language & Internship Option
SIT China (Yunnan): Language, Cultures and Ethnic Minorities
SIT China (Yunnan): Community Health and Traditional Chinese Medicine (SUMMER)

The committee saw the value in replacing the current programs with CET and SIT programs, but questions arose as to the necessity of adding all programs that Perry requested, citing our committee charge to limit the number of programs on our books.

Lear asked about the cost of the programs, and each one is around \$15,000, which is within the range of standard charges. Meals are also included.

Questions revolved mostly around the Shanghai program, which appears to not offer something that is not already offered in the other programs.

It was concurred that we would express our hesitation to Perry, while at the same time confirming that we support her eliminating Alliance in favor of CET. The committee asked Robinson to request that Perry prioritize the programs for us with an eye to eliminating redundancies.

3. Kaley Pomeroy petition ~~for to~~ add SAI Florence.

This program would allow her to do both Art and Economics. However, the committee notes that we already have a program in Italy (Temple Rome) that includes Art and Economics and we are charged with culling programs. The committee also remarks that SAI is not a vendor that we are familiar with. If we were to add it, we should consider adding another one, but as we do not know this vendor, we are hesitant to consider this.

Kukreja remarked that we do not have a list of criteria to consider for adding programs, and that perhaps the SAWG work currently being done will help us with this. However, the biggest consideration for adding a program would be supporting academic arguments for the particular program.

The committee voted to deny this petition, citing lack of academic evidence that this program does not repeat what is offered elsewhere.

4. Petition to allow application to Round River program in Chile.

The Round River program in Patagonia was approved last year on a trial basis. The student who petitioned for it will be departing for this program in spring 17. Based on her evaluation and our experience using this program, the IEC plans to re-evaluate its approval after spring 17 to determine whether or not to add it to our approved program list.

Another student would like to apply to participate in this program in the 17-18 academic year, despite the fact that it is not formally added to our approved programs list yet.

After discussion, the committee recommended that the student who wishes to go in 17-18 be allowed to apply, but that this student have a back-up in the case that it is not approved upon the return of the student going in spring 17.

5. Subcommittee assignments.

Charges listed below.

Charge #1: Kotsis, Robinson, Chee

Charge #2a: Barkin and Lear (Rubric for evaluation of new petitions)

Charge #2b: Kukreja

Charge #3: Kelley, Butcher, Kukreja, Greeno

Charge #4: Spivey, Fortmann

Meeting ended 4:43pm.

IEC CHARGES 16-17

Charge 1: With respect to the issue of sexual violence:

- a: Continue the review of sexual violence policies at study abroad programs used by Puget Sound students.
- b: Finalize and distribute the sexual violence crisis response documents drafted last year.
- c: Develop sexual violence prevention and response training for Puget Sound faculty and staff involved in Puget Sound study abroad programs.

Charge 2

- a. Continue to review the current list of study abroad programs and eliminate programs that do not provide something distinctive (e.g. language, discipline, or geography) or are expensive.
- b: Develop language that clearly incorporates this charge into the standing charge that deals with program review.

Charge 3

In collaboration with the Committee on Diversity and the Student Life Committee,

develop recommendations for how Puget Sound can best recruit, welcome and support international students.

Charge 4

Work with the Office of Institutional Research to gather and analyze study abroad participation rate data for students of color and first-generation students and, based on those findings, make recommendations to address any disparities in participation rates.

*The standing charges are:

1. Establish criteria and assessment procedures for international education programs.
2. Review and approve new and existing international education programs and program proposals, including programs led by University faculty.
3. Assist the Office of International Programs in selecting students for study abroad.
4. Represent the interests of the Faculty in international education.
5. Such other duties as may be assigned to it.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kelley