

International Education Committee

Minutes of the November 3, 2017 Meeting

Misner Room, Collins Library

Present: Emma Casey, Carmen Eyssautier, Eowyn Greeno, Mark Harpring, Emily Katz, Diane Kelley, Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, Kriszta Kotsis, Andrea Kueter, Sunil Kukreja, Mike Spivey, Matt Warning, Sheryl Zylstra

Kriszta Kotsis convened the meeting at 12 PM.

1. Approval of minutes.

The committee approved (M/S/P) the October 20, 2017 minutes without amendments and the minutes of the September 22, 2017 meeting with minor amendments.

2. Discussion of Kristopher Imbrigotta's proposal for a five-week faculty-led summer abroad program in Berlin.

The committee discussed the history of this proposal and professor Imbrigotta's thoughtful responses to their questions and concerns. They noted that the iterative process of revision worked well in that it resulted in a well-formulated program, even if the process was somewhat protracted.

M/S/P to approve this program.

3. Report of first reading of the proposed bylaws change at the November 1 faculty meeting.

The chair reported that the first reading of the proposed change in the Bylaws (see October 20 meeting minutes) took place in the November 1 faculty meeting. The second reading is expected to take place in early 2018.

4. Review of two student petitions.

The committee approved (M/S/P) two petitions from students to participate in programs not currently on the International Programs roster: a summer, 2018 IES program "Society, Culture and Gender in Amsterdam" and a fall, 2018 CIEE program, "Language and Culture - Dakar, Senegal."

The committee noted that the IES program would allow the student to explore GQS studies in a city known for its tolerance of the LGBTQ community and it would allow the student to do so without missing a semester at Puget Sound.

A committee member, commenting on the CIEE program petition, explained that French Studies currently has no study abroad programs in Francophone West Africa and the CIEE program could fill this void for the petitioner and, potentially, for future French Studies students.

Both programs were approved only on a one-time basis, largely because of the current staff shortage in the Office of International Programs. A committee member noted that other French Studies students, hearing that the CIEE program was approved for this student, might want to participate in it, and asked whether such students would have to go through the petition process. The committee decided that students who want to attend this program in the fall of 2018 would only need to be recommended by a French Studies faculty member, but those wanting to attend in a later semester would have to petition. The committee added that relevant faculty members could propose that either or both of these programs be added to the OIP roster sometime in the future.

5. Sub-committee reports

The subcommittees reported continued progress on their charges. Noteworthy among these reports was the Sexual Assault subcommittee's plans to revise the brochure they made in 2016/2017 to incorporate instructions on what to do in the immediate aftermath of a sexual assault.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40.

Minutes submitted by Matt Warning.