

10/19/18
International Education Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Debbie Chee, Diane Kelley, Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, Sunil Kukreja, Kavan Ossentjuk, Roy Robinson, Matt Warning, Anna Wittstruck, Sheryl Zylstra.
Guest: Peter Wimberger.

Meeting called to order

Announcements:

- This weekend is the SE Asia symposium at UPS. It begins at 4:00 tonight in Upper Marshall Hall. Tomorrow are the student presentations. Please come if you can.

Minutes for last meeting (10/5/18) were approved with minor revisions.

The Round River Patagonia Program was discussed. The RRPP provides a unique study abroad experience that immerses students in the field, in a global context. The pros and cons of adding a new program were discussed. The RRPP is a reasonably priced program and is more cost effective than many other study abroad programs. It is a rigorous program. Service learning and faculty mentoring are included. Connections are made with Chilean workers in the field of interest. Students have reported very positive experiences from this program.

A motion was made to add the RRPP program to our list of approved programs. The motion was approved by the committee.

The Faculty-Led Study Abroad Proposal application form was discussed. Some applicants have expressed concern over the amount of information requested in certain areas of the form such as how faculty will address student mental health, sexual assault, and/or other unexpected needs that may arise while students are traveling. Applicants are already required to go to an orientation session that discusses much of this information. It was suggested that our application form simply have the applicant commit to attending the faculty study abroad orientation forum to gain an understanding of issues that may arise, rather than submitting a detailed answer of how they would address issues that arise, many of which may not be anticipated. The committee determined the application form would benefit from minor revisions. The IEC Chair will draft a revision of the form and bring it to the next meeting for approval.

The revised proposal for Traditional Medicines and Local Ecologies in China's Southwest program submitted by Denise Glover (SOAN) was also discussed.

Members felt that the revised proposal looks complete. Denise has responded fully to our questions that arose from her initial proposal.

A motion to approve this program was presented. All were in favor. Motion was approved. Denise will be contacted and alerted that her proposal has been approved.

IEC subcommittees were encouraged to meet and begin their work on the charges to the committee. Subcommittee membership was reviewed.

Green River Community College will be bringing a contingent to UPS to discuss a potential partnership. They currently have many international students who are interested in attending a four-year school following their time at GRCC and may be interested in pursuing UPS.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Zylstra