

International Education Committee

7 April 2020

Attending: Gareth Barkin, Debbie C Chee, Carmen Eyssautier, Eowyn Greeno, Karl Fields, Sunil Kukreja, Hilary Robbeloth, Roy Robinson, Brett M Rogers, Rokiatou Soumaré, Matt Warning, Sheryl L Zylstra

Committee Co-chairs Barkin and Warning convened the meeting at 1pm.

1. Approval of Minutes from March 24 meeting

The minutes of the March 24 meeting were approved.

2. Announcements

A committee member announced that CIEE canceled their Dakar, Thailand, and Chile programs.

Another committee member announced the Phi Beta Kappa Campbell Scholarship for students planning to study abroad this fall.

3. Update - Status of Study Abroad w/ COVID 19 outbreak

The director of OIP updated the committee on the status of study abroad programs. All of spring students with the exception of three students are back. Every program has gone to remote learning. The three students who are not back have chosen to remain with families in locations abroad. All summer programs have been canceled with the exception of two. The university is monitoring for the fall, but for the moment, the State Department still has a level four warning. He noted that he is not overly optimistic about the feasibility of fall study abroad given the circumstances.

4. Program Proposal

The committee discussed the Cities, Spaces, People SOAN 447 study abroad program. The committee noted that the proposer made a strong case for the embedded nature of their study abroad program. They also found interesting the shortness of the trip and the reflection component. However, several faculty wondered if the faculty would have to submit a new proposal for each new location. It was noted that the committee could create a new form to accommodate cases such as this one. A committee member pointed out the high cost of the program, and questioned if that could inhibit student's participation. The committee approved the program for this trip, for the next reiteration the faculty member will have to submit a new application.

5. Program Update : CIEE Berlin Program

The committee noted that the faculty provided a solid and convincing response to our concerns. A committee member suggested that moving forward students and faculty

should consider purchasing refundable tickets, because the situation is still volatile. The program was approved.

6. Subcommittee Final Reports

The committee discussed subcommittee final reports. The majority of subcommittee final reports were already ready and uploaded on the IEC drive.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52pm.

Submitted by Rokiatou Soumaré