

Meeting Notes for the International Education Committee
Wednesday, November 30, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jan Leuchtenberger, Rachel DeMotts, Matt Ingels, Donn Marshall, John McCuistion, Michael Johnson, Bob Boyles, Mark Harping, Amy Roll (student), Roy Robinson, Stephanie Noss and Sally Sprenger

The minutes from October 9th were approved with the exception of Bob's name being listed twice in the present members.

The first item discussed was the summer Archeology program discussed last meeting. The program is sponsored by Eric Orlin in the Classics department and runs for three weeks. In order to get a full unit of credit, programs need to be at least six weeks long in the summer. Last meeting the committee wanted to approve the program but was worried about the length of the program. Jan wondered if we approved this program, would we be opening up the possibility for shorter program. This would also bring up curriculum issues. What are we looking for when we approve a program that is less than six weeks? Currently, we do have two summer programs that run less than six weeks: Kyoto and Turks & Caicos. Lisa Ferrari requested that a sub-committee of the IEC and the Academic Standings Committee be created to tackle the issue of shorter summer programs. Bob will represent the IEC on this sub-committee. Lisa also said the program could be approved for .5 unit. Eric was reluctant about this; he would like to work with the sub-committee to get a full unit awarded for this program. The IEC officially approved this program for .5 unit.

We received the 2011-2012 charges from the Senate Committee. They include:

1. Re-evaluate international education programs placed on probation or coming off travel warnings.
2. Communicate with the Office of Institutional Research to make sure that the Study Abroad Survey is administered to students prior to leaving and again six months after they return from study abroad. Consider the results from the 2010-2011 survey and decide whether or not the results are useful enough to keep administering the survey.
3. Continue work with faculty to encourage the integration of study abroad experiences into on-campus classes and research symposia, and work with the SLC and Dean of Students to encourage integration of study abroad experiences into co-curricular activities.
4. Discuss summer programs including resources for faculty who are interested in offering summer study abroad classes and how to better publicize opportunities.
5. Discuss and recommend BTF request for study abroad programs (for 2013-2014).

In addition to the charges above, the committee would like to compile information about students who do not go abroad because of the new financial aid policy. We need the policy to be in place for a few years before we can know the result of the policy. Roy has been keeping a record of the number of students who do not study abroad for financial reasons. Sally was concerned that the IP office might not know about all students who choose not to go because of the financial policy because they won't tell the IP office but their professors instead.

The committee looked over the following petitions:

1. **Olive Smith- India:** Mark felt there was valid academic reason. The program would serve two majors at UPS: Religion and Asian studies. Roy felt it was a safe program. Jan said Pac Rim also goes to India.

Amy brought up the point that a lot of students can't commit to a full year for the Pac Rim program. Rachel said it is not hard to see the Dalai Lama in that region of India. The committee approved the program.

2. **Uppsala, Sweden:** There are currently no programs offered in Sweden. Roy said this would give another option to students who need to take classes (i.e. science courses) in English at a University outside of English-speaking countries (UK, Ireland, Australia, etc.). Stephanie has been to the location and said it was safe and academically rigorous. Amy said the program offers a lot of courses that students with a STS major need to take. Amy said a lot of STS students do not study abroad because they can't find the courses they need. In addition to the academic coverage, this program also provides more geographic coverage in Scandinavia. The committee approved the program.

3. **Love's petition for Taiwan:** Right away, the committee noticed that it really only fits the needs for one student. He is a transfer student and trying to do two majors and study abroad for two semesters. The student wants to do the program because it offers a course in economics, a unit he needs to stay on track to graduate. Lotus said it is a good program but that it is only needed for this student. Don brought up the fact that we have no academic record of this student. Mark suggested the student do an independent study to get the economics unit he needs. Jan thought he was trying to have it all. Roy said he would be willing to see if CIEE could set up an econ course for him to take. Jan said maybe he could do an independent study over the summer. In the rejection letter we should mention some of these suggestions. The committee did not approve the program.

The next meeting will be during the week of January 23rd.

Kathleen would like to have more time to look over the programs that are being petitioned. She would like the deadline moved up to October 1st. Roy will give Kathleen guidance about which programs the IEC might not approve.

Student Financial Services said it was not a lot of work to add programs. It would only become a lot of work if we added 30 programs.

Roy gave an update about the situation in Egypt. Three study abroad students were arrested last week and sent home. The American University in Cairo campus is safe and functioning normally. They are having some issues with the timeliness of the buses. Amelia's parents wrote in because they had some concerns. Roy wrote back to them and explained the travel warning and how a withdrawal might affect credits and tuition.

Jan e-mailed the committee a copy of the IIE report. The committee may decide to look over it next semester. Roy said the report shows that students are going to non-traditional locations and faculty-led programs are starting to become popular.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Noss