

International Education Committee

Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2013

Present: Gareth Barkin, Rachel DeMotts, Lisa Ferrari, Kena Fox-Dobbs, Diane Kelley, Pepa Lago-Grana, Allyson Lindsley, Donn Marshall, Stephanie Noss, Roy Robinson, Matt Warning, Peter Wimberger

1. Diane called the meeting to order at 9:00 am
2. Minutes from the Oct 25 meeting were approved as circulated.
3. Clarification of charge # 1: Matt Warning spoke with Brad Dillman, and everything seems to be fine. Roy suggests creating a document explaining what resources are available. Lisa recommends putting together the available information and passing it on to the Senate, then wait to see what other information they need or what questions they have.
4. Reports from subcommittees: China programs review.
 - a. Allyson reported concerns with overlaps due to the existence of too many programs. Lotus responded today with solutions. She had already proposed cutting all CIEE programs in China and in response to the subcommittee's concerns, altered her proposed program list to look like this: (proposed new ones are marked by "√")

IES Beijing, China (F/S)

[Beijing - Contemporary Issues In China](#)

[Beijing - Language Intensive](#)

√ IES Kunming, China (√F/√S/√SU)

[Kunming - Regional Development in China & Southeast Asia](#)

[Kunming Summer - China & Southeast Asian Development](#)

[Kunming Summer - Environmental Studies](#)

Alliance Shanghai, China (√F/√S/SU)

[21st Century City](#)

[International Business in China](#)

[Intensive Chinese Language](#)

Alliance Xi'an, China (F/S)

[Xi'an and the Silk Road](#)

In response to concerns from Kathleen and the subcommittee that the summer programs in Taiwan and China were redundant, Lotus insists the programs are very different, and there is space for both. She asked to review the IES Beijing Contemporary Issues in China program. The decision was made to follow Lotus' recommendation, given that there are no issues with Beijing. Kathleen will be sent an email requesting

that we approve this program, which is on the same site as an already approved program, without a formal application needed.

- b. Xi'an and the Silk Road summer program (with Alliance). The names of the programs change all the time, which makes it confusing. Lotus is ok with cutting the number of programs but supportive to open up programs in China for non-Chinese speakers. The decision was made to follow Lotus' suggestion and to check with Kathleen regarding the summer program in Xi'an.
 - c. The student petition to approve CIEE Beijing was not approved. This program focuses on sustainability (student proposed program with support from prof. Peter Hodum): This is a language optional program. Kathleen was reluctant to recommend the program based on other reports of CIEE programs. The existing IES program already offers focus on sustainability and conservation biology, which is a better fit for Biology students. Kathleen has talked to the student, but we are not aware of how the student responded. The decision was made not to approve the program.
5. Conduct probation and applying for study abroad. Roy and Donn explained that the website contradicts itself in places. The subcommittee proposed the following language, to be used consistently throughout official university documents. The committee agreed to the subcommittee's proposal.
- For students on Conduct Probation:***
- *Students on Conduct Probation Level II (CP II) are not allowed to represent Puget Sound, and no waivers are permitted. Students may not apply for study abroad, nor may they participate in a study abroad program while on CP II.*
 - *Students on Conduct Probation Level I (CP I) are not allowed to represent Puget Sound, unless they obtain a waiver for a specific purpose. A student wanting to apply to study abroad may petition for a waiver by following the process outlined here: http://www.pugetsound.edu/files/resources/922_ConductWaiverProcess11-12.pdf.*
 - *If a waiver is granted, the IEC may consider the student's application, or may consider allowing the student to study abroad.*
6. Summer programs: The university would like to open up summer programs from current providers for students who can't go a whole semester. Offering a blanket approval is complicated because some of the providers offer many programs. It is better to look through and see what programs fit. It is ok to blanket approve SIT programs because they offer something different. SIT summer programs only offer coursework, but no field work (unlike semester programs). Yet they are still more experiential than other programs. Length of programs varies depending on site. Roy and his office will start reviewing each of those.
7. Other charges the committee is hoping to get through:

- a. We have not received any financial feedback from Kris regarding funding for the establishment of faculty-led short-term study abroad programs. In the meantime, the guidelines for short-term study abroad programs are on the website, but they are old. We need to make sure the steps are the same for everyone. A decision was made to shelf discussion until next meeting.
- b. Charge # 2: Discussion will not be feasible before January.
- c. Charge # 6: Direct Study Abroad Exchange Program: Roy explained that with these programs it's a one for one exchange: student pays here and host institution does same thing when their students come over- basically just swapping costs-funds stay at home campus). The other option is Direct Enroll (student pays host institution directly). In both cases students need J-visas. In order to stay approved, the institution needs to have 6 per year, but we are under that number. Given the cost structure, Roy recommends going in that direction. Start with the UK, another one might be possible in Turkey.
- d. Charge # 5: Integration of the study abroad experience in co-curricular activities. It is a big and nebulous issue and the committee is unsure of what can be done to help. Roy reported that International Education week was recently held, and the poster session was amazing. It is clear that some faculty-led programs have been successful. The International district in Commencement Hall will get rolling next semester and that will help, but right now there's no cohesion to the initiative, and it is difficult to make recommendations on how to better create cohesion. It was proposed that we invite Mike Segawa, Dean of Students, and Ayanna Bledsoe, the Residence Life Director, to come and talk about existing and upcoming initiatives. Also suggested was meeting with different departments to find out what goals they have for students when going abroad. Once we know the goals, we can address practices and information needed.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52

Respectfully submitted by Pepa Lago-Graña
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