

Minutes of the International Education Committee

10/27/2014

Members Attending: Gareth Barkin, Alva Butcher, Kena Fox-Dobbs, Diane Kelley, John Lear, Quincey Livingston, Eric Orlin, Roy Robinson, Daniel Sherman, Peter Wimberger, Grace Witherell

Guest: Allyson Lindsley

Minutes from the October 6 meeting were accepted with minor changes.

Announcements:

Barkin announced that the symposium funded by the Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment (LIASE) on Friday October 24 was a great success.

Wimberger said that about forty students came to the information meeting for his proposed program in Borneo.

Hispanic Studies Department proposed cuts and changes:

Robinson brought to the table a spreadsheet with all programs in Spanish-speaking countries listed in order to facilitate discussion. The spreadsheet is appended to this document. The programs for which Hispanic Studies grants credit toward Hispanic Studies majors and minor are highlighted in yellow. Those that they suggest cutting are highlighted in pink. They suggest cutting those programs because Hispanic Studies does not allow credits earned in those programs to apply to their majors or minor and also those programs do not have any significant programming that is not duplicated by a better program. The IFSA Butler program in Cuba is not being considered for cutting at this time. Hispanic Studies is still considering whether or not to allow credits earned in this program to apply to their majors and minor.

Committee members suggested that having two tiers of programs may be confusing to students. Wimberger pointed out that Kathleen Campbell evaluates what credits students will get with the students, so there should be no surprises. Lear added that students might simply not choose a program if they do not get Spanish language credit. Kelley pointed out that Kathleen Campbell's meeting with the students happens late in the process and so we need to find a way to make clear which programs will enable students to earn credits towards their Hispanic Studies major or minor and which will not. Orlin added that we should make clear which programs on this list are Spanish language and which are not.

Lindsley pointed out that students go to IES Santiago nearly every semester and that program is being considered to cut. Wimberger added that this program is very specific to public health. Lear asked whether we should ask the Hispanic Studies department to reconsider giving credit in their department for this program so students are not deterred from going there. Kelley said they must have a good reason for wanting to cut it. Robinson said this program has a lower requirement for Spanish language ability and is thus less rigorous.

Barkin moved the conversation to the other programs on the "cut" list. Wimberger said the rest of the programs in pink look okay to cut. Lindsley asked what summer programs would be left?

Robinson said Madrid was still available in the summer. Lindsley said that the Barcelona summer program could be good for students without much Spanish. But Robinson said that it is a bilingual city with Spanish and Catalan being the primary languages, and thus it's not as good for Spanish students. Orlin said that it still could be a good program for students who do not want Spanish credit. Lear added that he would love to see a summer program in Latin America that offers Spanish credit and that in the future we should consider that.

Motion: To drop all the programs in orange on the spreadsheet with the exception of IES Santiago semester program pending further discussion because it has a health program.
M/S/P

Robinson announced that Ivan Hutchins from the University of Essex is coming here on Monday if any committee members would like to meet with him. Puget Sound is considering starting an exchange program with Essex.

Develop a template for proposing, organizing, and leading short-term study abroad programs.
Barkin suggested that since we don't have a procedure in place yet, we should not take requests for monetary support for developing these programs. Butcher asked how long we can keep the money, and Barkin said we keep the money for the fiscal year only. The subcommittee (Robinson, Orlin, Wimberger and Lear) are working on this document, including researching what other schools are doing in this regard.

Barkin suggested that we develop a short application for this year, given the time frame. We can develop a more thorough application in the spring semester for the upcoming year.

Lear pointed out that Elise Richman's program in Italy has already been approved and suggested that funds would help her recruit. Harry Velez will also be applying to develop the Madrid program. Peter Wimberger said he will be applying for these funds to develop the Borneo program as well.

New Exchange Programs with University of Essex and either Sehir or Koc University in Turkey

OIP has been looking at exchanges with these universities as a way to provide inexpensive options for Study Abroad and also to attract international students. He added that exchanges work better when there's a department that promotes the exchange. Robinson said that PG and Theater might be interested. Wimberger added he will find out more about the science programs at those universities.

Lindsley said that we have many programs in the UK, some of which are similar or redundant. Having exchanges and fewer international programs would also make advising easier. Orlin asked about consolidating the UK programs. Robinson confirmed we need to do that.

Barkin wondered how many students would participate in the exchanges and Robinson replied even only four would be great. Lindsley added that the two students on campus as part of the Passau exchange program are an asset to the campus.

Robinson turned the conversation to the possibility of exchanges with the two universities in Turkey. Koc, where Brad Dillman used to teach, exchanges already with Whitman, and we are

waiting to hear back from them. Lindsley's friend is in charge of OIP at Sehir. Both universities are in Istanbul. Butcher asked how long it takes to set up an exchange. Robinson said that once the MOU is signed, it's done. Ideally we would have them on our list next fall semester.

Alliance Beijing

Lotus Perry was in China this summer and was very impressed with Alliance Beijing. She proposes eliminating IES Beijing, which is larger, and replacing it with Alliance. Robinson said that the director of Alliance has been here a number of times and that it is run through IFSA Butler. The committee then examined the email Lotus sent with details of her request. Kathleen Campbell evaluated the Alliance program last year. Lear asked about cost; Robinson confirmed that Alliance is slightly more expensive. Kelley moved that we replace IES Beijing with Alliance Beijing. M/S/P

The meeting adjourned 2:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kelley

HISPANIC STUDIES / LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES SEMESTER PROGRAMS

**Hispanic
Studies would
like to
support**

**Hispanic
Studies would
like to remove**

Hispanic Studies/Latin American Studies Semester Programs	
Argentina	
City	
SIT: Regional Integration, Development & Social Change	Buenos Aires
SIT: Social Movements and Human Rights	Buenos Aires
SIT: Public Health in Urban Environments	Buenos Aires
IFSA Butler: Argentine Universities Program	Buenos Aires
Brazil	
City	
SIT: Social Justice and Sustainable Development	Fortaleza
Central America (multiple countries)	
City	
CGE: Social Change in Central America	Various
Chile	
City	
IES: Study in Santiago	Santiago

CIEE: Liberal Arts	Santiago
SIT: Comparative Education and Social Change	Santiago
SIT: Political Systems and Economic Development	Santiago
CIEE: Liberal Arts	Valparaiso
SIT: Cultural Identity, Social Justice, and Community Development	Valparaiso
SIT: Public Health, Traditional Medicine , and Community Empowerment	Arica
Costa Rica	
City	
SFS: Sustainable Development Studies	Atenas
CIEE: Tropical Ecology and Conservation	Monteverde
Cuba	
City	
IFSA Butler - Universidad de La Habana	Havana
Ecuador	
City	
IES: Area and Language Studies	Quito
IES: Direct Enrollment	Quito
SIT: Comparative Ecology and Conservation	Quito
SIT: Culture ad Development	Quito
Mexico	
City	
PLU: Development, Culture, and Social Change	Oaxaca
Peru	
City	
SIT: Indigenous Peoples and Globalization	Cusco
Spain	
City	
ILACA: Universidad of Granada	Granada

<h2>Hispanic Studies/Latin American Studies</h2> <h3>Summer Programs</h3>	
Argentina	
City	
IFSA Butler: Summer Language & Culture at the Universidad de Buenos Aires	Buenos Aires
Chile	
City	

IES: Health Studies	Santiago
Costa Rica	
	City
CIEE: Tropical Ecology and Conservation	Monteverde
Ecuador	
	City
IES: Environmental Studies	Quito
Spain	
	City
IES: Area and Language Studies	Barcelona
IES: Intensive Internship	Barcelona
Universidad de Valladolid	Valladolid
Madrid Summers	Madrid