

International Education Committee Minutes
October 26, 2011 9:00 a.m.

Committee members present: Jan Leuchtenberger, Mark Harpring, Matt Warning, Rachel DeMotts, Matt Ingalls, Roy Robinson, Stephanie Noss, Bob Boyles, Donn Marshall

The minutes from the October 5 meeting were approved

This meeting was used to discuss the petitions the committee received to add study abroad programs to our study abroad approved programs list.

Petitions:

1. Classical Archaeology through Drew University – The Vicus and Martis Tudertium Project - <http://users.drew.edu/jmuccigr/vicusadmartis/Welcome.html>
2. IFSA Butler – London School of Economics - <http://www.ifsa-butler.org/london-school-of-economics-and-political-science.html>
3. Albany University’s Exchange Program at the National Taiwan University - https://ualbany.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10050
4. IFSA Butler Cuba – Program has been proposed by IFSA-Butler, but it has not yet been approved by the US Department of State
5. Emory Tibetan Studies Program - http://abroad.emory.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=1092
6. CIEE Uppsala, Sweden - <http://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/sweden/uppsala/arts-sciences/#1rightForYou>
7. Alliance China – New Summer/Fall/Spring program - <http://www.allianceglobaled.org/china/xian/globalization-then-and-now#99>
New Summer Program to replace the Columbia University Summer Program. Alliance in Shanghai with 3 tracks:

<http://www.allianceglobaled.org/china/shanghai/intensive-chinese-language#110>
<http://www.allianceglobaled.org/china/shanghai/international-business-china>
<http://www.allianceglobaled.org/china/shanghai/contemporary-chinese-society-and-language>

Because of the number of petitions, the committee decided to begin with petitions submitted by faculty members. Before starting the discussions on the different petitions, the committee discussed a few ideas related to the petitions

- For this group, the academic and curricular issues are the most important. If there are administrative issues that make adding a program difficult, the International Programs Office should work with Student Financial Services and the Registrar’s Office to address administration issues
- There was some discussion about students writing petitions related to their personal interests instead of programs that might be beneficial for a broad range of students at Puget Sound.

- Perhaps we should add a cover letter to the petition process to help organize the information we are receiving about the petitions
- We should make sure the scanned petition is formatted correctly for ease of reading
- Given the different financial models for summer and semester programs, the summer programs would have a different effect on the financial structure for study abroad and therefore can be more easily added to our approved program list

1. Classical Archaeology through Drew University – The Vicus and Martis Tudertium Project - <http://users.drew.edu/jmuccigr/vicusadmartis/Welcome.html>

1. The petition for this program was written by Dr. Eric Orlin from the Classics Department. The main issue was related to the length of the program and there was some confusion as to whether the students would need to participate in Session 1 (June 7 – 26) or Session 2 (June 27 – July 17) or if the students would need to participate in both sessions. Mark Harpring stated the policy for summer programs has normally been that programs must meet for 6 weeks in the summer. This will be reviewed when Kathleen Campbell in the Registrar's Office reviews the academics on this program. It also may need to be approved by the curriculum committee on campus
2. The committee **APPROVED** this program and then tabled it pending clarification of the 6 week summer program requirement.

2. Alliance China – New Summer/Fall/Spring program -

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- Professor Lotus Perry had visited the Alliance programs in China this past summer. The Alliance is a partnership between Arcadia Study Abroad and IFSA-Butler. Both are program providers with whom we currently work. Also, Clay Harmon (UPS Grad) works for the Alliance and met with Lotus to discuss these programs.
- This program offers students an opportunity outside of the normal centers of Beijing and Shanghai and takes advantage of its location on the Silk Road.
- Lotus was pleased with the academics on this program and feels it would be a strong option for students who are Asian Languages and Cultures (ALC) majors. Additionally she was very pleased with the administrative support the Alliance provided. Administrative support has been a particular issue with the CIEE programs.
- Additionally, Lotus would like to add the Alliance summer programs in Shanghai at Fudan University and Shanghai University as these would offer both intensive Chinese and International Business.
- Because of the interest in Puget Sound to keep the number of study abroad programs manageable, Lotus recommends adding these programs and removing the Columbia Program in Beijing because it has not had any participants in a number of years.

- All the program options were **APPROVED** by the committee. Therefore, we will add the Alliance Fall/Spring/Summer programs in Xian and also add the following summer programs/tracks in Shanghai – Contemporary Chinese Society and Language (Fudan University); Intensive Chinese Language (Fudan University); International Business & International Business Internship at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.
2. IFSA-Butler Cuba
- This is a unique situation as IFSA Butler has not yet received permission from the US Department of State to run this program in Cuba. However, they have administered this program in the past in Cuba and they have submitted the application to run the program again in Cuba, but have not yet heard a final decision about the program. They do not currently know when they will know if the program has been approved or not.
 - The committee had concerns about adequately preparing students for a very unique experience in Cuba. They want to be sure students know the type of situation they would be in as well as the delicate nature of being in Cuba and having interactions with Cubans while on the program.
 - There were discussions concerning ways to address these issues and to be sure students were ready for this experience, there weren't any final decisions as to how best to prepare the students.
 - The program was given **Provisional Approval** – Basically it will be approved if the program is approved and up and running by IFSA-Butler.

The rest of the petitions will be discussed at the next IEC meeting

Programs Approved (pending approval by the Registrar's Office)

1. Rome, Italy - Classical Archaeology through Drew University –**APPROVED** (then tabled) pending clarification of the 6 week summer program requirement.
2. The Alliance program for the Fall/Spring and Summer in Xian, China; as well as the summer programs/tracks in Shanghai – Contemporary Chinese Society and Language (Fudan University); Intensive Chinese Language (Fudan University); International Business & International Business Internship at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.
3. The Columbia Summer Beijing Program will be **REMOVED** from the approved list
4. IFSA – Butler Cuba (provisionally if IFSA Butler is able to receive permission to run the program)

Clarifications to the minutes – (approved on November 9)

Archaeology - the Archaeology program is currently not approved for .5 units until after a committee meets to discuss the 6 week summer study abroad rule

Cuba program – we should use a different wording than provisionally approved. This program is approved as soon as IFSA-Butler actually has the Cuba program running