

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Minutes from 11/18/08 meeting

Members present: Nick Kontogeorgopoulos (chair), Annette d'Autremont, Lisa Ferrari, Duane Hulbert, Martin Jackson, Glynnis Kirchmeier, Mike Segawa

The meeting was convened at 4:00 PM. Nick K. reported 122 of 140 students had completed the pre-departure survey. Randy Nelson attached the email addresses of each student to their surveys, so there was no need to ask for additional demographic information.

The committee reviewed the questions asked by Liz Jones, on her study abroad survey. The committee also reviewed the "Survey on Study Abroad Experiences," (Post-Trip) hoping to refine it for future surveys. Recommendations are: Part D, question #1: leave as is; Omit questions 2-4; Keep question #5; Omit question #6; Part E, Keep question #1 (possibly add "Have there been enough opportunities on campus to share your Study-Abroad experiences?"); Keep question #2; Change question #3 to read "Once I returned home, my friends comment that I had changed." Question #4 should read "Since returning, I socialize with different people than before I left." Question #6 should read "Since I returned from Study-Abroad, I made an effort to stay in contact with friends I met while I was abroad." Glynnis K. suggested Question #20 should include a column for volunteering. Some other questions recommended were: If you could start over, would you do it again? Would you recommend this program to other students?

Some other issues important to include on the Post-trip survey: What's the impact on study abroad on your life? After you return, do you feel like you're living in a bubble on campus? Do you feel as if you've been integrated into the larger community? Since returning, do you feel less connected to the community?

Nick K. will put together the survey over the winter break and have it ready to approve at our first meeting in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Hulbert