

Minutes
International Education Committee
September 18, 2009
8am

Committee members present: Gareth Barkin, Alyce DeMarais (representing the Dean in Lisa Ferrari's absence), Mark Harpring, Diane Kelley, John Lear, Janet Marcavage, Donn Marshall, Jan Moore, Jannie Meisberger, Mei Rose, Don Share, Peter Wimberger.

Minutes from September 9 – M/S/P with changes added

Mark had met with last year's co-chairs, John and Peter, to look at the charges. Discussion about a prioritization of the charges ensued.

The charges we proposed to the Senate follow. The Committee found that the charges with a * should receive priority:

- *A. Review and approve new and existing international education programs and program proposals, including programs led by university faculty. Reevaluate programs placed on probation.
- *B. Evaluate offerings from a global and disciplinary perspective with an eye to providing coverage in geographic and disciplinary areas that are currently not represented or are underrepresented. Consult with departments to find out if there are programs that they think we should have, or have additional insights about programs we have that they don't think we should keep.
- C. Assist the Office of International Programs in selecting students for study abroad.
- D. Communicate on a regular basis with the Student Life Committee.
- *E. Recommend criteria for allocating study abroad funds within the constraints of the study abroad budget. **(This should be done before the BTF meets mid-October.)**
- F. Work with faculty to encourage the integration of study abroad experiences into on-campus classes and work with the SLC and Dean of Students to encourage integration of study abroad experiences into co-curricular activities.
- *G. Decide whether to maintain or end the moratorium on adding new semester programs.
- *H. Organize faculty discussions on study abroad to consider how recent changes in study abroad affect academic programs and how better to integrate study abroad into on-campus learning (F). **(Best to do this mid-fall semester.)**

*I. Discuss Summer Programs including how to better publicize opportunities as well as consider policies pertaining to summer programs such as residency credit (students pay program costs but still receive residency credit).

J. Discuss and recommend BTF request for Study Abroad.

Discussion on I: residency credit for summer programs. Residency credit is required for students' last 8 units. If they are paying UPS tuition, they get residency credit. Students on summer programs do not pay UPS tuition. Should we give them residency credit for units taken abroad? That's the question.

Gareth pointed out that we don't give residency credit for credits taken at other universities. Jannie said that if a student takes a summer unit studying abroad and wants it to count for residency credit, the student's request does not go through a formal petition process. It goes through Jannie and then to the Deans. Diane and John had questions about possibilities of this being abused if we open it up for general acceptance. Peter pointed out that departments have last say about what units they will or will not accept for application for majors or minors. Mark suggested we put this discussion off until later so as to continue to look at the prioritization of the charges.

Alyce made a request on Kris' behalf that the IEC look at criteria for study abroad separately from budget questions. Peter pointed out we discussed the question of GPA last semester. Alyce asked if we need criteria other than GPA and the programs' requirements. Peter asked for some clarification, because it seems that this discussion may be motivated by the limitations placed by the budget. John pointed out that we shape the criteria for study abroad by the programs we choose to approve. Alyce said that Kris wants us to discuss this outside the context of the budget. The Committee feels we already have. Mark suggested we craft a statement to give to Kris.

Peter also mentioned to Alyce that we gave Kris a document as a recommendation about application of the limited budget to Study Abroad in the coming 2 years and we haven't heard back from her. He requested Alyce ask Kris about this. We could discuss this next meeting, depending on Kris' response to our recommendation. Diane asked that since it is past the Sept 15 deadline for application to Study Abroad, are we over budget? Alyce and Jannie said that Maggie Mittuch is working on figuring that out.

Jannie brought up a question about what to do about students who want to change programs once they are already abroad – there are two of them this semester. One has a GPA problem, the other is now in Namibia and wants to go to London or Amsterdam. Jannie requests a policy that once a student is abroad he cannot extend or go on a new program. It is preferable that they apply for one year and then decide to stay only one semester. Alyce pointed out that having one deadline for applications to programs (Feb 15) will help with this situation. Mark asked if they want to extend on the same program, what is the problem? Diane agreed that extending seems to pose

fewer problems than changing programs altogether. Jannie asked if this would have budgetary impact. Mark said in academic terms, staying another semester does not pose a problem. Alyce said that given the small number of students who want to extend, the budget should not be affected and we could even add some cushion to the budget to allow for this. John pointed out that some programs are clearly defined so as to not permit extensions. Don said that students on programs that focus on foreign language would benefit a lot if they could extend their stay and become more fluent.

The Committee decides that students who want to ask for an extension to stay on the same program for an additional semester should be allowed to do so. However, students should not be permitted to change programs. Students who want to apply to more than one program need to do so by the February 15 deadline.

John pointed out that this will have to be a part of our discussion of criteria for study abroad if it comes down to limiting students because of budgetary constraints. We don't want to turn people away because of extra cushioning in the budget for extensions.

The Committee suggests the following language be added to language delineating the Feb 15 deadline policy:

Students who wish to attend multiple programs must apply to all programs by the February 15 deadline.

IES Selection committees were approved:

Fall 09: Don Share, Janet Marcavage, Gareth Barkin, Donn Marshall, Jannie Meisberger

Spring 10: Diane Kelley, John Lear, Mei Rose, Donn Marshall, Jannie Meisberger

Jannie requested that the committee eliminate the 2.8 GPA limit for IES. IES requires a 3.0, but will look at students with a GPA as low as 2.8. Jannie points out that there are other programs with lower GPA requirements that they could apply to.

Don and Diane both disagree; this requirement adds additional flexibility to faculty as they help guide students to the program best suited for them. Peter points out that first semester freshman year is sometimes the problem. A consensus is reached to not change this requirement.

Jannie thanks the Committee for the clarification of this grey area.

Buenos Aires programs:

Mark gave the background: IES Buenos Aires was eliminated last year, and the Spanish faculty want to find a replacement. Pepa Lago and Brendan Lanctot went to Buenos Aires separately to

evaluate programs there. The Spanish faculty would like to suggest that IFSA Butler replace the IES program. IFSA Butler encourages independence and would be a good program for strong students. Theater is also an option in this program, which appeals to Jac Royce.

John asked about SIT, but Mark said SIT is not a language program, so the Spanish faculty did not visit it.

M/S/P for acceptance of the IFSA Butler Buenos Aires program to replace IES Buenos Aires.

Jannie made a report about the Forum on Study Abroad.

Adjourned 8:55

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kelley