

Minutes – IEC 9/22/14

Members Attending: Gareth Barkin, Alva Butcher, Lisa Ferrari, Kena Fox-Dobbs, Pepa Lago-Grana, John Lear, Quincy Livingston, Eric Orlin, Roy Robinson, Grace Witherell, Peter Wimberger

Guests: Allyson Lindsley, Stephanie Noss

The meeting commenced at 2:00.

Minutes for 9/8/2014 were approved as amended.

- 1) The committee considered the appeal of David Minerath to study abroad in spring 2015. Due to an illness he had missed the deadline to apply for study abroad. The committee approved his appeal. In the future, the committee requested that the student provide a formal letter of support along with the student appeal.
- 2) Elise Richman requested that her course, Connections 370: Rome: Sketchbook and Space Studies, be approved as an international program. This course has not yet been reviewed by the University Curriculum Committee. Wimberger pointed out that the IEC had never considered other courses structured like this, e.g. Barkin's Indonesia course, Rachel DeMott's Parks and People course that goes to southern Africa, or Wimberger's Borneo course. He wondered what our policy should be regarding courses that combined a significant on-campus component and foreign travel. Robinson said that he thought that the IEC should be involved in the approval process.

Motion: The IEC endorses the course in general as an international program. However, the IEC will delay a vote until more information about logistics is provided. This includes such issues as the application process, housing, on-site logistics, safety and security, and costs.

Motion Approved: unanimous vote.

- 3) The Hispanic Studies department has proposed changes with respect to the number of Spanish immersion programs in which students can receive major and minor credit. In particular, it provided a list of five programs which would be the only approved programs in the department. In addition, it listed eleven programs that will no longer receive transfer credit to the major and minor.

There was some misunderstanding as to whether or not the Hispanic Studies department wanted those eleven programs removed completely. Lago-Grana said that the intent of the message was that the Hispanic Studies department wanted to clarify which programs the department has approved and which ones will no longer receive credit.

Wimberger recalled that the IEC, in earlier discussions about the number of programs and program reviews, had decided to remove any program on which no students had

gone for five years. Lear suggested that the Latin American Studies (LAS) program have a chance to comment on these changes, with the hope of coordinating the elimination of programs (so that LAS doesn't send students to programs where they will not receive language credit), and keeping programs and language credit on any programs that are important to LAS, like the Cuba program. The committee decided to defer a decision until it received more input from Hispanic Studies and Latin American Studies and data from Roy on the number of our students participating in those programs. Ferrari requested that the committee formalize the policy about removing programs with no Puget Sound participation for five years, in case it hadn't been voted on in past years.

Motion: If no students have participated in an international program for a five year period, then the Director of International Programs can remove that program.

Motion Approved: unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Alva Wright Butcher