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IPC meeting

10/10/16, 8:10 am, Prairie Lounge

Present: Viktor Berberi, Sheri Breen, Stephanie Ferrian, Ray Lagasse, Leslie Lindberg, Fiona Wu, Bart Finzel

1) Minutes from the 9/28/16 meeting tabled until after the Dean's visit

2) Visit from the Dean to discuss study abroad staffing

IPC's proposal for a new position in study away was well-crafted, but comes at an inopportune time. Jess Larson is serving as interim ACE director (six months). Sarah Ashkar's position has become a 12-month position (had been nine-, then ten-month, and included GST along with study abroad). This is a difficult position to fill; the committee is asking for flexibility with regard to the pool of candidates to interview. The ACE director position could become 12-month, full-time.

Sarah Ashkar's position should require relationship with program providers, prioritize working with students, might evolve over time. It is important to have someone with study abroad experience, not just advising. It is difficult to find a good pool, but the person could grow into position once here. It should balance advising with international experience; be someone who can grow student enthusiasm.

The Director's position involves more than study abroad programs.

Question regarding IPC's role in this process. Duties described in IPC's request for a study away position were mapped to the current position description. IPC should reach out to Jess.

3) Discussion of diversifying study abroad offerings

Call for study abroad proposals could emphasize winter break option. Could be one to three credits.

We need to update website.

Possibility of hybrid on- and off-campus proposals, perhaps with a 2/2 credit structure.

Need to revise call for curricular development grants. Viktor will contact the Dean.