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International Programs Committee

March 24, 2017, Humanities Lounge, 8:10am-9:10am

In attendance: Joe Alia, Stephanie Ferrian, Leslie Gubash-Lindberg, Viktor Berberi, Ray Legasse, Fiona Wu, Sheri Breen, Michael Peters

****Minutes below should take into account the Study Abroad Management Policy drafted by Sheri Breen and approved by IPC members through email the week following March 24. This document will be referenced multiple times in the following minutes.**

The meeting opened with a discussion on the role of ACE in Study Abroad (SA) programming.

Steph F brought up the need to clarify the roles and functions of ACE staff. The faculty advocate position is currently inadequate to address the need to ensure adequate capacity for contracts and administration of additional SA programming. Ray L indicated that any restructuring of ACE duties in regards to the expiration of the LAC contract needs to be tied to ACE's as-of-yet unfilled position for ACE Director.

Discussion of Study Abroad Management Policy

Sheri B walked the IPC through her revised draft of the Study Abroad Management Policy to be sent to the Dean after IPC's approval. Section headers in the minutes below refer to comments on that document.

I:

2. Steph F informed IPC that some programs do not go for a variety of reasons. Those reasons can include cost (the largest factor) and timing. The budget for the Australia program did not come in until mid-February and more than half of the students who had applied for the program dropped out at that point due to the high price. Midsummer programs can be prohibitive for students doing research, working, or on internships.

II:

Sheri – These topics will cover what we will be incorporating into our rubric that will be dispersed to faculty by the beginning on the next academic year.

1. d. Sheri made the case that we are aiming to ensure our programs stay economically viable while permitting newer programs that have yet to prove themselves.

III:

1. Viktor believed that it would be good to remove the assumption of a two year rotation for SA programs. There will always be particular constraints or unique criteria based on the value of the

program in a particular year. IPC should be able to address particular curricular needs as a part of exceptions to this assumption.

2. Steph was concerned that publishing the tentative schedule too far ahead will discourage repeat SA students who “catch the SA bug”. Joe A suggested that the website could have a page for programs that are in development or programs that have gone in the past to reduce this problem. Leslie G.L. indicated that international students would greatly benefit from knowing about SA programs further ahead than the current schedule allows due to visa concerns. Sheri suggested a 4-5 year plan moving forward to help IPC get away from the year to year nature that creates uncertainty. This would not mean ACE would be locked into a schedule of SA programs; it would simply mean that IPC should have an idea of what the next 4-5 years could look like for SA programming. Ray agreed that this would assist program leaders and faculty to plan further out to coordinate research, sabbaticals, etc.

IV:

Sheri informed IPC that this was a general mission statement.

Viktor indicated that we should add language about semester and year-long Morris sponsored programs. These programs will be financially advantageous for Morris students. Ray asked if our current exchanges meet the need of our students. IPC indicated agreement that ACE should investigate this question

Conclusion:

The meeting adjourned on the agreement that Sheri would revise the document and that IPC members would vote by email on the final version to be sent to the Dean.