

Advisory Committee on International Study Meeting notes from September 23, 2005

In attendance: Marie alice Arnold, Michael Arnush, Sue Bender, Cori Filson, Jim Kennelly, Kate Leavitt, Monica Raveret-Richter, Paty Rubio

Action Items:

Contact petitioning students for addendums to petitions: Marie alice.

Agenda Items:

1. Michael opened the meeting reminding the committee that this year should be the last year of this committee. The Committee should keep an eye on the kind of work that is being done over the course of the year in preparation to recommend to CEPP what kind of body should follow.
2. Petitions
 - The first agenda item was the student petitions. The committee reviewed six petitions:
 - i. Margaret Bergen '07 Anthropology major, SIT Culture and Development in Mongolia.
 - ii. Hilary Blair '07 Psychology major, U of Georgia, Cortona, Italy.
 - iii. Marissa Block '07 Anthorpology major, Palazzo Rucellai in Florence, Italy.
 - iv. Marisa Falcon '07 SIT Culture , Development, and Social Justice, Fortaleza, Brazil.
 - v. Amy Sullivan '07 Biology major Arcadia program at University College Cork, Ireland.
 - vi. Katherine Weber' 07 History of Art major, NYU in Florence, Italy.
 - Three of the petitions were approved as good fits for the students in academic areas not currently served by programs on the approved program list. Three of the petitions, the Italy, petitions were not approved. The committee felt there was insufficient information on why academically these programs were different from current programs on the list. Each applicant was asked to write and addendum to their petition addressing how the program differed from current offerings in Italy.
3. Short-Term Programming
 - The committee spent the remainder of the time discussing Short Term programming. Historically there has been modest or no interest on the part of faculty to offer a stand alone, winter break, or spring break program. This year there were seven proposals from faculty. There are two factors that require the college to look at limiting the proliferation of short term offerings. These are insufficient financial aid funds and insufficient administrative support. OIP feels the need to better manage the growth of these programs as we do not know how many of these student interest can support.
 - Faculty have high expectations of OIP. OIP currently does not have the administrative resources to provide sufficient support to ensure success for each offering. The concern is that without the appropriate administrative support the short term program initiative will fail. Since short term programs will have to play

a role in meeting the college's goal of 60% of students studying abroad OIP does not want to see it fail.

- Monica pointed out that the short term program in Costa Rica is tied directly to a grant. Other faculty may be including this type of program offering within grant applications. It is important that they know immediately that not all short term programs may be offered.
- It was determined that a process for evaluating/choosing programs needs to be developed as well as determining who would be the arbitrator when offerings have to be limited.
- The discussion moved to just what role is ACIS being asked to perform? It was determined that ACIS itself cannot determine a process but it could bring together representatives from the many committees that have a role in the short term program process: Curriculum Committee, Dean of Faculty, CEPP, OIP and ACIS. Michael will speak to CEPP regarding forming a sub-committee with representation of each committee to develop the short term criteria, process, and arbitrating body.