

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS
Meeting notes December 3, 2009

In attendance: Rubén Graciani (Chair), Leslie Mechem, Cori Filson, and Tina Breakell

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Last meeting of fall 2009 semester

ACTION ITEMS:

- Set meeting dates/times for Spring 2010 semester
- Follow up with faculty regarding Short-Term Program review results

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Short-term Program Proposals:

Three proposals were submitted for the open 2011 faculty-led short-term program slot. The submissions included: "Fabric Design in Japan"; "We'll Always Have Paris;" and "Globalization and Development: A Case Study in Istanbul, Turkey." ACOP endorsed the short-term program in Istanbul, Turkey.

The concern with the short-term proposal in Japan was that the focus was too narrow and not inclusive enough of non-art majors. Also, the cost of administration and operation for such a program would be very high and inaccessible to most students. Finally, the proposed number of credits and time on site did not align. ACOP might reconsider the proposal if the focus was broadened and the time on site was shortened.

The concern with the short-term proposal in Paris was it closely mirrors the program that is going this January, 2009. Also, we have many options in Paris for the semester and we would like to expand travel seminar opportunities to support locations or disciplines that are not fully represented through our semester options.

The Turkey program was endorsed by ACOP for 2011 for several reasons. The committee felt that the proposal was strong and offered an opportunity in a location that was underrepresented for semester-long programs. Also, it is a nice blend of two disciplines, Economics and International Affairs. Logistically the program is feasible and the topic is accessible on many levels. Issues addressed in this seminar include Globalization and the Turkish Economy; Sustainability and Globalization; Social and Political Effects of Globalization; and Human Development and Human Rights.

Cori will follow up with each faculty member regarding the approved short-term program for 2011. The faculty for the Turkey program will be expected to submit a full proposal fro Curriculum Committee by the end of the calendar year.

Departmental Changes to the Approved Programs List (Updated lists attached):

Sociology: Approved all IHP Programs for their majors, including "Cities in the 21st Century," "Health & Community," and "Rethinking Globalization."

OCSE is now working with American Studies and Art History on updating their lists.

India Update:

OCSE met with CIEE in Turkey regarding the customizable options in Hyderabad, India. The conversation was very productive and CIEE will follow up regarding the customized program

options for Skidmore. We asked that they look into offering 8 credits of Hindi for Asian Studies majors (at the request of the department) and 4 credits of Hindi for non-majors. We also asked that they look into developing a Skidmore only course based on "Contemporary Indian Culture" for Skidmore students only. Finally, students can enroll directly into the University of Hyderabad for the final two courses of their choice. CIEE will respond once they look into these options.

As for India overall, OCSE suggested and ACOP agreed that we take a bit more time to develop an alternative Skidmore option in India. At this point, OCSE has not found the perfect fit in India and does not want to rush into a customized program just for the sake of having a program in India. For the next year, OCSE will continue to offer an expanded approved programs list and work with providers on a customized option that meets our student and institutional needs. Cori will update pertinent faculty regarding this decision.

London Update:

The Skidmore in London program expansion was approved. The program will begin running in spring 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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