

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS
Meeting notes April 7, 2009

In attendance: Erica Bastress-Dukehart (Chair), Sylvia Franke McDevitt, Leslie Mechem, Cori Filson, and Tina Breakell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: This is the last ACOP meeting of the term.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Announcements from OCSE will be sent to the faculty list in the coming month, calling for applications for the London FYE faculty director applications (2011 & 2012) and applications for Paris Fall Seminar applications (2010 & 2011).
- Cori will follow up with appropriate faculty regarding the proposed approved programs in India.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

India: ACOP was updated on the cancellation of the Skidmore in India (Mysore) program after having been consulted earlier in the semester regarding the administrative and academic concerns. The cancellation was announced at the April 3, 2009 faculty meeting.

ACOP has decided that all programs that students petitioned for in the past three years will be provisionally approved through fall 2010. These proposed programs include:

Approved:

SIT: Arts & Culture (Delhi)

Approved through petition previously:

SIT: Culture & Development (Jaipur)

Antioch College: Buddhist Studies in India (Bodh Gaya)

CIEE: Arts & Science, University of Hyderabad (Hyderabad)

Provisional programs yet to be approved:

IES: Delhi (Delhi)

MSID, Jaipur (Jaipur)

OCSE will consult departments on the two new provisional programs, as they may be an appropriate match for Skidmore students in multiple disciplines. Approval is pending departmental/faculty consultation.

Latin American Studies: As per a request from Jordana Dym, Program Director for Latin American Studies, changes were made to the Approved Programs list for LAS students. Those changes were approved and are as follows. These changes will go into effect immediately.

Deletion of:

IES Buenos Aires

Augsburg Guatemala and Mexico

Augsburg Central America

Addition of:

CIEE Buenos Aires
Arizona State University Guatemala
CIEE Sao Paolo

ACOP will leave the other CIEE program (in Salvador de Bahia) as a petition option for now.

Membership: ACOP decided that having a member of CEPP as chair and two additional faculty members would be sufficient for committee representation, eliminating one faculty position for ACOP. Erica as chair and member of CEPP will be in contact with OCSE regarding the new faculty that will be joining. Both Sylvia and Leslie will be rotating off ACOP. Adrienne Zuerner will remain for one more year.

OCSE Staffing: OCSE was approved for a new Program Manager position. OCSE has begun the search and hopes to hire by early summer.

AGENDA FOR 2009-2010:

- Review guidelines and deadlines for Short-Term programs over the summer and discuss in ACOP meeting in September.
- Discuss the need for guidelines regarding development, implementation, and termination of off-campus programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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