

FACULTY MEETING
April 4, 2014

MOTION

On behalf of the Office of Off-Campus Study & Exchanges, the Advisory Committee on Off-Campus Study, the Dean of the Faculty's office and the department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, CEPP proposes that Skidmore College terminate the Skidmore in China program and, as a result, its affiliation with IES in China.

Rationale:

A comprehensive review of the program found that it had the following weaknesses:

- There is a lack of sufficient and sustained student interest in the program.
- Maintaining a Skidmore program in China has proven more expensive than it will be to utilize existing programs through other schools and providers.
- IES has been unable to truly "customize" their China program for Skidmore.
- The quality of the IES Beijing and IES Shanghai programs with which we partner is uneven, making it difficult to support the Shanghai program.
- The customized IES Shanghai program promised a diverse listing of internship opportunities that were never realized.
- The current available portfolio of strong programs in China eliminates the need for a Skidmore-specific, limited program.