

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS (ACOP)
Annual Report 2018-2019

The membership of the Advisory Committee on Off-Campus Programs (ACOP) for the 2018-2019 academic year consisted of the following individuals:

Marta Brunner – Co-chair and CEPP Representative
Steve Ives – Co-chair and CEPP Representative
Cori Filson – Director, OCSE

AGENDA ITEMS 2018-2019:

ACOP met once during the year and conducted other business via email. Our work consisted of the following items.

- Discussion of new general education requirements and OCSE
- Review and approval of IAB Barcelona Dance Program
- Review of proposals for Travel Seminars
- Review of student petitions for non-approved programs

NEW GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The committee discussed the new general education requirements and ways OCSE can be involved in discussions around implementation of the requirements or how OCSE's work can inform or be informed by the new requirements. Marta and Steve agreed to take OCSE's feedback and interest to CEPP.

IAB BARCELONA DANCE PROGRAM

The committee reviewed the IAB Barcelona Dance Program for inclusion on the Approved Programs list; the program was sponsored by the dance department. Committee members expressed minor concerns about lack of Spanish integration (cultural and linguistic), but understood that this is a dance program rather than a language program. Program approved by ACOP.

REVIEW OF PROPOSALS FOR TRAVEL SEMINARS

ACOP and the Associate Deans of the Faculty reviewed four proposal for Travel Seminars for 2020. Three were approved for 2020 and one was deferred to 2021 due to the fact that there were two proposals from the same academic department.

Approved for 2020:

- International Field Experiences in Botswanan Primary Schools, Botswana – May/June (Ed Studies)
- US/American Theater in the 21st Century, Oregon – May (Theater)
- Tropical Field Ecology, Costa Rica – March (Biology)

Deferred to 2021:

- Place-Based Education in Alaska – March (Ed Studies)

REVIEW OF PETITIONS FOR NON-APPROVED PROGRAMS

This year we received several petitions that were due to students' original programs being closed after students had already been accepted. This is something we need to be prepared for as long as the global situation remains unpredictable. The remaining petitions were from students who simply found programs that fit their needs that were not already approved. As always, OCSE will continue to track which programs students are petitioning for and to consider if it makes sense to add any of the programs to the permanent approved programs list.

As in the past, the petitions listed here are those reviewed this year and are for spring 2019, fall 2019 and academic year 2019-2020, rather than the current academic year.

Fall petitions for spring 2019 = 14 petitions submitted

Approved = 10

- Boston University: Padua Italian and European Studies Program
- CIEE Jordan: Middle East Studies
- CET Prague
- IHP: Climate Change, The Politics of Food, Water and Energy (2)
- IHP: Rethinking Food Security
- MSID Senegal
- SEA Semester
- SIT Morocco: Field Studies in Journalism and New Media
- Temple University Tokyo

Denied = 0

Withdrawn = 4

- Bard in Berlin: Liberal Arts
- CIEE Beijing: Intensive Chinese Language
- CIEE Costa Rica: Sustainability and the Environment
- SIT Argentina: Social Movements and Human Rights

Spring petitions for fall 2019 and academic year 2019-2020 = 8 petitions submitted

Approved = 5

- API Buenos Aires: Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Arcadia Dublin: Parliamentary Internship Program
- IHP: Climate Change, The Politics of Food, Water, and Energy
- School for Field Studies Bhutan: Himalayan Environment and Society in Transition
- Tel Aviv University: Entrepreneurship and Internship Program

Denied = 1 (student denied by program)

- SIT Jordan: Geopolitics, International Relations and the Future of the Middle East

Withdrawn = 2

- Temple University Tokyo
- The Courtauld Institute, London

ADDITION AND REMOVAL OF APPROVED PROGRAMS

Each year, OCSE examines the departmental and overall approved programs lists with an eye toward adding programs that might enhance a specific department's offerings or removing programs that are underutilized or problematic. We use data regarding student enrollments in each program, major

enrollments in each program, and feedback from students and faculty. We share the information with department chairs, make recommendations, and institute changes as necessary. Changes are reported to ACOP and CEPP through this annual report.

Approved Program Added:

- AIT Budapest (Aquincum Institute of Technology)
- Institute of the Arts – Barcelona
- MATS: Moscow Theater Program (added back after being removed due to Department of State Travel Warning)

Approved Programs Removed:

- Carleton Buddhist Studies in India
- IES Amsterdam: Gerrit Reitveld
- IES London: Courtauld Institute
- IFSA London: LABAN Dance Conservatory
- OTS Costa Rica

Report drafted by: Cori Filson, Director, Off-Campus Study & Exchanges

Report reviewed and approved by: Steve Ives, Co-chair, ACOP

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