

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS
Meeting notes: October 7, 2015

In attendance: Erica Bastress-Dukehart (CEPP member, ACOP Chair & Associate Professor of History), Cori Filson (Director of OCSE), Tina Breakell (Associate Director of OCSE, non-voting member).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: First meeting of the 2015-2016 academic year

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Shakespeare Programme termination
- Skidmore in London program administrative restructuring
- Paris program status update
- Non-approved program petition review

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Shakespeare Programme Termination:

Over the summer, the British American Drama Academy (BADA), Skidmore's program partner in London, decided that they could no longer sustain the low enrollments for the fall-only Shakespeare Programme. Enrollments have been steadily declining for several years; Skidmore was forced to cancel the program in fall 2015 due to low enrollments

The Theater Department and English Department at Skidmore College have been made aware of this termination. OCSE will continue to support BADA through Sarah Lawrence's London Theater Program as an approved option in the fall and spring

Cori Filson will draft a proposal outlining the rationale for this termination and Erica Bastress-Dukhart will present it to CEPP for approval. If the proposal is accepted, the program termination will be brought to the faculty floor. Given that Skidmore does not have an option to continue the program, Erica will ask CEPP to determine if the proposal needs a faculty vote, as required in the policies for Skidmore program terminations.

Skidmore in London Administrative Restructuring:

OCSE, in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty's office, has determined that the spring Skidmore in London program needs a more substantial administrative structure. The program will retain its partnership with its seven university partners in London (University College London, King's College London, University of Westminster, SOAS, Goldsmith's University of London, Queen Mary University of London, and the University Arts London), but we are now going to offer more student academic and personal support than a part-time program coordinator can offer. We are particularly concerned with response to issue of health and safety and to the need to comply with requirements regarding Title IX. In addition, we would like to provide enhanced opportunities for students to engage with London outside the classroom in more structured ways.

Beginning in January 2016, Skidmore will partner with IFSA-Butler in London for logistical support for our students, including partnering with Skidmore's university partners; orientation programming; cultural activities and excursions; an optional culture course; and academic support when needed. Most important Skidmore will partner with IFSA-Butler for emergency response and response to emerging federal and state requirements.

Paris Program Status Update:

Cori Filson updated ACOP regarding ongoing conversations about the Paris program.

Non-Approved Program Petition Approvals:

OTS Costa Rica- 1 applicant (alternate track)
SIT Brazil- 3 applicants (program previously approved)
CIEE Prague- 1 applicant (program previously approved)
IES Freiburg Environmental Studies-1 applicant (program previously approved)
Middlebury China-1 applicant (program previously approved)
IHP Climate Change- 1 applicant (program previously approved)
Boston University, Antigua Guatemala- 1 applicant (discussion-applicant approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Breakell, Associate Director, Off-Campus Study & Exchanges
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