

Study Abroad Advisory Committee Meeting

September 17, 2009

NOTES

Present: A. Cummings, M. Ebner, C. Herzig, P. Marcoux, M. Stallings, R. Swade, A. Verge

Absent: M. Botello, E. Moore, J. Simon

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Reports on Summer 2009 Programs

The 28-day China program was quite successful and well received at Shandong University where ECC students attended classes. Each student received a certificate from the university which is interested in hosting ECC again. J. Zhao has expressed interest in leading the program again.

The South Africa program was also successful. Many students participated in the optional extension to Victoria Falls. M. Ebner reported that his one concern was with our contractor, Leonardo World, who did not pay local contractors in South Africa in a timely manner.

Winter 2010 Programs

P. Marcoux reported that interest in the **Costa Rica** program is very high. He has a large interest list and expects to reach his goal of 25 students. The program will have a service learning component with plans for students to do volunteer work at a sea turtle refuge. He will teach English 1C and classes will be offered in Spanish at the language school hosting the program. The cost for this program is \$2,500.

M. Ebner and R. Swade plan to lead the **New Zealand/Australia** program. They reported that recruitment has been slow with only 8 deposits to date. They need 30 students to make the program a go. They have recruitment meetings scheduled.

The price for this program is \$5,395.

Summer 2010 Programs

C. Herzig reported that he and E. Antoine have selected a contractor for their **Japan** program. Tour Consultants made the best offer and will soon be finalizing details and providing a brochure. The instructors plan to offer courses in Geology and Political Science (Comparative Politics and International Relations). They will visit three islands and key cities such as Tokyo, Nara, Kyoto and Hiroshima in an approximately 18-19 day program

G. Miranda will post information through C.C.I.E. as soon as the final price is confirmed.

A. Cummings and M. Stallings are conducting recruiting sessions for their **Paris** program. They have decided on ACCENT as the program contractor and have at present a price of \$4,765 for the month long program. The program will be anchored in Paris during July with three-day trips

and one weekend trip to Normandy and Brittany. They will need 35 students for this program. Anne will teach courses on French culture and conversational French and Mike will teach his architecture classes. There is a large interest list and they expect this program to fill without difficulties.

Winter and Summer 2011

G. Miranda reported that she will be sending out invitations for faculty proposals for one additional winter and two summer 2011 programs. Currently, Ghana is scheduled for 2011.

SLO for Study Abroad

G. Miranda stated that she would like to develop an SLO for study abroad. P. Marcoux indicated that he would send his SLO for Costa Rica.

Committee Composition

G. Miranda discussed the need to include (1) more faculty representation from other divisions or (2) alternates. In particular, Health Sciences and Athletics and Mathematical Sciences have no representation in spite of requests for volunteers to the deans of these divisions.

Contractor Issue

M. Ebner raised concerns about Leonard World and concerns about not paying local contractors on his program for services in a timely manner. He cited as an example that one South African contract had only recently been paid, long after the program ended. A. Verge also reported that he had to pay for some costs out of pocket in last year's Australia program. The dean heard from another college about the same problems with Leonardo World.

Meeting ended at: 1:50 p.m.

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