

**El Camino College
Study Abroad Advisory Committee Meeting
March 17, 2009**

Minutes

Present: A. Cummings, M. Ebner, E. Moore, M. Stallings, A. Verge

Absent: M. Botello, J. Simon (excused), R. Swade (sabbatical leave)

Meeting began at: 1:05 p.m.

Report on Australia and Mexico Winter 2009 Programs

A total of 39 students participated in both winter programs. The two groups produced exemplary students. The quality of service offered in both Sydney and Guadalajara was outstanding.

South Africa Summer 2009

M. Ebner reported that he has 27 student sign-ups to date and needs to reach 32. He will be holding another meeting on campus next week. G. Miranda suggested setting up a table on the library lawn as well.

China Summer 2009

The China program has a total of 22 deposits, of which 14 are for the full one month program (as of 3/18/09). The faculty leaders, Drs. Baker and Zhao expect to have at least 25 students enrolled. They continue to hold recruitment meetings and interest has increased within the last month in this program.

Costa Rica Winter 2010 Program

G. Miranda reported that she had met with the representative of the company P. Marcoux planned to use to organize the Costa Rica program which would emphasize student volunteerism. She also reported that P. Marcoux had withdrawn the company from consideration due to serious safety issues. He is currently reviewing options with a school in that country. A discussion ensued with questions raised about a number of issues including the likelihood of success for this type of study abroad program. The dean will invite Pete to speak with members of the committee. The other option would be to have him direct a program in a traditional format or in another Spanish-speaking locale like Guadalajara.

New Zealand/Australia Winter 2010

M. Ebner reported that he will be holding an initial information meeting by the end of this month. He is co-leading with Rosemary Swade. A possible contractor is being solicited at this time.

Future Programs: Summer 2010 and Winter 2011

A. Cummings and M. Stallings are planning their initial meetings this semester for their summer 2010 France program. The program will be located in Paris with day trips and one weekend excursion. The contractor will be ACCENT. The proposed program will run through the month of July 2010.

C. Herzig and E. Antoine are working on the itinerary and pricing for their proposed Japan summer 2010 program. C. Herzig is exploring working again with Passports.

Winter 2011: G. Miranda indicated that there is still room for a second program for winter 2011. She recommended Guadalajara since the setting there is already in place and the service provided by the University of Guadalajara is excellent. However, R. Otero has shown interest in an Argentina program. He may submit a proposal soon. The Ghana winter 2011 program will need to be led by a full-time faculty member.

Summer 2011: N. Llado has indicated she would like to submit a proposal to lead a Spain program. G. Miranda will be sending out a request for proposals later this semester.

SLO for Study Abroad

G. Miranda will prepare a draft program level SLO for the committee to review.

Annual Report and Plan Builder

G. Miranda stated that she will be preparing an annual report for study abroad and has the program in her division's plan builder. The primary goal of securing a coordinator for the program has been ranked in the top ten recommendations for the division by the division council.

Website

G. Miranda reported that M. Chung in her office continues to maintain the study abroad website. She requested that any updates on programs be sent to him. M. Stallings has information on France that he will forward.

Committee Membership

Representatives from Health Sciences and Athletics and Mathematical Sciences are still needed. Also, an alternate is needed this semester for Business and Fine Arts. G. Miranda will contact the divisions for recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:50 p.m.

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