

## Study Abroad Meeting Friday, March 9, 2018

Present: Dr. Michelle Hughes-Markovics (Co-Chair), Dr. Modhurima (Rima) DasGupta, Dr. Masanori Iimura, Dr. Katy Jamshidi, Ms. Mai Nazif, Ms. Ellen Velazquez Muralles (Student Trustee), Ms. Anita Rich, and Dr. Kent Wisniewski

Absent: Mr. Kerry Loewen (Co-Chair) and Ms. Stephanie Jarrett

Topic	Discussion
Minutes 2/9/18	<p>Dr. Modhurima (Rima) DasGupta, Sociology Instructor, wanted the minutes revised to reflect that Mr. Kerry Loewen, Co-Chair of the Study Abroad Committee, initially suggested an amount of 2.5 percent of base hourly pay for compensation for recruiting. Also Ms. Mai Nazif, World Languages Instructor, took exception to the way this agreement was articulated in the minutes. Dr. Katy Jamshidi, Instructor Biological Sciences, affirmed that the committee did agree unanimously to the five (5) percent Base Hourly Salary (Schedule II) which amounts to 30 hours of base hourly pay. No exceptions.</p>
Faculty Applications Update & Screening	<p>Two faculty applications were received.</p> <p>The question again surfaced why adjunct faculty are no longer included in the semester Study Abroad program. Dr. Kent Wisniewski, Behavioral Sciences Instructor, hinted that was a load issue.</p> <p>Application deadline will be extended to <b>Wednesday, March 28, 2018</b>.</p> <p>The committee felt that veteran Study Abroad instructors should be interviewed. Dr. DasGupta cautioned that the committee would not want to convey that experienced instructors could circumvent the process.</p> <p>Interviews for Fall 2019/Spring 2020 candidates are scheduled during the April Study Abroad Meeting on <b>April 13, 2018</b>.</p>
Summer Abroad 2019	<p>Application deadline for Summer 2019 Summer Abroad Program—<b>April 27, 2018</b>.</p> <p>Interviews for Summer 2019 Summer Abroad Program is scheduled during the May Study Abroad Meeting—<b>May 11, 2018</b></p> <p>The committee felt that these interviews should not be conducted virtually. It was suggested that one meeting be held on the Santa Rosa campus. The other on the Petaluma campus. Ms. Anita Rich, Administrative Assistant for Study Abroad, reminded the committee that her supervisor, Mr. Kerry Loewen, who is also one of the co-chairs of the committee, would be amenable to this suggestion if he is able. She will have to consult his calendar.</p> <p>Dr. Michelle Hughes Markovics would like to appeal to the new Vice President of Academic Affairs about restoring the second Study Abroad summer trip.</p> <p>Dr. Hughes Markovics feels that any chosen instructor who aspires to more far-flung destinations should be forewarned that they must recruit adequate numbers or the trip will be canceled.</p>

	Dr. Kent Wisniewski, Behavioral Sciences Instructor, further suggested that a maximum “price point” be established.
Inter-Session Programs	An animated discussion involving a new idea for both winter and spring intersession Study Abroad programs ensued. These courses would last from two to three weeks. A plethora of subjects were put forth from astronomy to viticulture; sustainable agriculture to language immersion; etymology to cheese making, etc. DasGupta suggested students volunteer overseas by way of service-learning courses. Learning communities, a pilot program, and participation of teaching assistants or readers were other recommendations brought to bear. What needs to be considered: IGETC, UC, and CSU requirements, FSAs, curricula development, legal restraints, the consortium’s involvement, and whether this is possible at all? Ms. Ellen Velazquez Muralles, Study Abroad Student Trustee, was curious about the amount and kind of credits students would earn. Also, Hughes Markovics felt that in order to accomplish any of this, Study Abroad courses ought to be established as a separate discipline. She further suggested that teaching these courses should be opened to both full-time and adjunct instructors.
Michael Traina	Hughes Markovics shared that she had a conversation with Mr. Michael Traina, Communication Studies Chair and Media Instructor. They discussed his Study Abroad trip to Paris in 2014. They also broached the operating differences between the Southern and Northern California consortiums and whether the northern consortium should adopt the model of the southern. Hughes Markovics wants to invite Mr. Traina to present his experience to the committee.
Updates from Barcelona	Since Dr. Terri Frongia, World Languages Instructor and instructor of record for the Fall 2019 Barcelona trip, is on sabbatical, Ms. Nazif conveyed her urgent concerns regarding the political unrest in Barcelona. She feels that our consortium, the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS), should reconsider Barcelona as a destination. The turmoil in that country is not being fully discussed in the United States news media. Dr. Frongia feels that it is simply not safe. She will be presenting before the committee when she returns in the Fall.
Adjournment	Meeting ended at 10 am.