

**Minutes for Study Abroad Meeting  
 Friday, September 13, 2019  
 9 to 10 am, Doyle 4243/Zoomed to Petaluma Call 632**

Present: Mr. Kerry Loewen (Co-Chair), Ms. Jeanette Ben Farhat, Dr. Modhurima DasGupta, Ms. Katy Gerber, Mr. Ethan Wilde, and Dr. Kent Wisniewski

Absent: Mr. Steven Fichera, Business and Ms. Stephanie Jarrett, Human Resources, Training and Compliance Manager

Topic	Discussion
Welcome New Members & Introductions	A welcome and a welcome back was extended to two new and one returning committee member: Dr. Modhurima DasGupta, Behavioral Sciences Ms. Katy Gerber, Earth and Space Sciences Mr. Ethan Wilde, Computer Sciences
Faculty Co-Chair	Ms. Jeanette Ben Farhat, Social Sciences, has volunteered to serve as committee co-chair for Fall 2019. Dr. Kent Wisniewski, Behavioral Sciences, has volunteered to serve as committee co-chair for Spring 2020.
Approve Minutes	Minutes of February 8, 2019 were approved.
Trips Scheduled for Upcoming Academic Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barcelona Study Abroad is currently underway. Instructor of record is Dr. Kirsten Swinstrom.</li> <li>• Spring 2020 Florence—current deposit count is 15. Ms. Ben Farhat will be the instructor of record.</li> <li>• Summer 2020 is planned for Ireland. Ms. Jessica Layton, Art and Tony Ruiz, English, are instructors of record.</li> <li>• Fall 2020—Instructor of record has been changed to Ms. Anne Marie Insull, English.</li> <li>• Spring 2020—Instructor of record is Ms. Anne Belden, Communication Studies.</li> </ul>
Application Deadlines	Summer 2022—Deadline needs to be determined during this current semester, Fall 2019. Fall 2021 and Spring 2022—Deadline needs to be determined during this current semester, Fall 2019.
Guest	Dr. Danielle King was the instructor of record for the most recent Study Abroad trip to Florence, Spring 2019. She addressed the committee with these concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florence’s WIFI was inadequate and did not support e-books in class, but that problem has since been resolved</li> <li>• Difficulties were raised because one student was allowed to enroll in a 9-unit program. This exception incurred queries and envy from other students.</li> <li>• Fraternization between students and an instructor at another college in the consortium exacerbated gossip mongering, rumor mills, and the undermining of other instructors’ effectiveness.</li> <li>• There were substantial Title IX challenges.</li> </ul>
	Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am