

## **STUDY ABROAD COMMITTEE MEETING**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**

**Burbank Auditorium Conference Room and Zoom**

Present: Kerry Loewen (Chair), Kent Wisniewski, Leslie McCauley, Rima DasGupta, Johannes Van Gorp, Margaret Grayson (Co-Chair)

Absent: Kim Starke (excused)

Faculty Co-Chair election: Margaret Grayson nominated herself. Approved by acclamation.

Next faculty recruitments by this committee for Florence 2025 & summer 2025.

Ireland – Summer 2024 will be happening after being cancelled due to COVID

The semester pattern has been: Fall semester is Barcelona or London and Spring semester is Florence.

Faculty from each of the four districts need to recruit at least 20 students, preferably 30. Ideally around 100 students attend each semester.

Faculty obligation for Fall/Spring Study Aboard

- 3 courses from your discipline
- 1 Life/Culture course
- 80% load
- 20% load the prior semester for recruiting students

Summer: 5% load prior semester for recruiting students. Length of summer study abroad is 4-6 weeks.

Student requirement for semester programs: 2 courses from home school including the Life/Culture course, 2 additional courses from any college for a total of 12 units.

Faculty member: housing and travel stipends provided if recruitment targets are met.

Excursions: students can opt for additional excursions and pay extra

Departure Meetings every semester: location rotates. Parents often attend. This is “study abroad” not “party abroad” is mentioned repeatedly. Next summer departure meeting will be in Petaluma. The winter meeting will be at American River College.

AIFS handles student services, housing.

Site Visit Spring 2023: Kerry and Robert Ethington went to Florence; visited classes, talked with students, faculty, and staff. Visited apartments and dorms. There were some complaints from students about inequities – kitchens. AIFS will try to screen for that more effectively in future. Students choose type of housing including dorms, shared apartments and/or home stays.

The new AIFS London location is next to the Iraqi Embassy in London – South Kensington neighborhood.

Peru or Argentina with Laura Larque – 2026

Kerry would like to propose 2 trips in Summer session with at least one to a non-Western country. Summer is still managed by AIFS, but SRJC doesn't partner with other community colleges in the Northern California Study Abroad Consortium (NCSAC).

Dr. Garcia started a passport office when she was at Skyline College; profitable and convenient for community. SRJC should do that!

Timeline for committee: we are recruiting for 2025.

- Review/revise faculty application before October 2023
- Decide who will be interviewed: December 2023
- Interviews February 2024