

Minutes: IESC  
Room : HSS 336

Date: Jan 19, 2010

Attending: Uma Shrestha, Eliot Dickinson, Karen Haberman, Daryl Thomas, Michele Price, Isidore Lobnibe, Kit Andrews, John Rector, David McDonald

Agenda Item	Who	Outcome/Followup
Timely Decision Making by the IESC	Michele Price  Karen Haberman	<p>Semester at Sea was first proposed last May, 2009. There were serious concerns expressed by several IESC members, so endorsement has been deferred up until this point.</p> <p>Clarify our procedure regarding program approval, including developing a reasonable timeline from the time Michele introduces a program until the time we vote on it.</p> <p>Karen proposes: the same procedure used by Faculty Senate. This means that IESC would discuss any new programs proposed by Michele at one meeting, go back to each division and discuss the proposed program at division meetings (generally two weeks after our committee meeting), and be ready to vote at the next meeting. One caveat: if key issues arise (via discussion with division members) that require further information, we reserve the right to postpone the vote until that information is obtained and discussed.</p> <p>This proposal was not voted on at this meeting.</p>
New process to accommodate students in Study Abroad limbo	Michele Price	<p>Proposal for IESC to endorse a process that is already used in OUS institutions, for students to study abroad and use their financial aid in programs not yet endorsed by WOU. When students go to programs not already approved at WOU, there is an arduous process where they must drop from WOU, drop their financial aid, go to the program, then transfer their study abroad credits in later (if possible). This new proposal would allow students to apply for a certain program and get special approval from IESC and the Study Abroad Office.</p> <p>Michele would vett each program for safety, security and credibility. The student would get approval from their advisor and approval for credit from the appropriate departments. Then IESC can review and endorse each application on its individual merit. This would allow students to stay enrolled at WOU and also use their financial aid. Michele believes this will</p>



		<p>agreed the U of Virginia had adequately covered this area.</p> <p>Type of study abroad experience: does a cruise ship qualify as visiting another country? The program visits several countries in one semester and the students are engaged in projects in each. Can students achieve in depth experience of a country if they are there only a few days? Faculty noticed even when students lived in one country they would travel extensively even to the point of exhaustion. Students want to travel and not just sit in one place. Can students integrate their experiences: one semester is long enough for students to integrate.</p> <p>Environmental impact: cruise ships are the worst polluters of all forms of travel. Should we promote and endorse this as a study abroad experience? What is WOU's position on environmental impact? Paying attention to this vital issue is now essential. How can we promote international choices and accept a wider number of experiences for our students and still be watchful and responsible for our carbon footprint?</p> <p>This committee then agreed to take this discussion to each department, and get a vote /concensus to bring back to the IESC meeting in Feb. for discussion and vote.</p>
Study Abroad as fulfillment of LACC	members	<p>As a proposal for next month's agenda:</p> <p>How can IESC get study abroad incorporated as part of LACC requirements? International Studies degree program has study abroad as a requirement. History, Social Science are natural degree programs that would benefit from study abroad. How can COE students (teaching track) get more involved in study abroad, especially since they have a clear diversity requirement.</p> <p>It is the IESC's role to promote this program.</p>
Minutes	Daryl Thomas	Daryl agreed to write up and distribute the minutes of IESC this year.