

**Study Abroad Meeting
Friday, October 14, 2016**

Attending: Dr. Anna Szabados (Chair), Kent Wisniewski (Co-Chair), Michelle-Hughes-Markovics, Dr. Masanori Iimura, Mai Nazif, Dr. Nicole Slovak, and Vayta Smith

Absent: Dr. Terri Frongia and Emmanuell Monter

Topic	Discussion
1. Co-Chair	Michelle-Hughes Markovics, Anthropology Instructor, will be replacing Kent Wisniewski, Anthropology Instructor, as co chair of the committee
2. Timelines	<p>Thursday, December 1st—2018/19 semester-length applications are due Friday, December 9th—Next Study Abroad Meeting—screening of meetings Friday, January 20th—2018/19 Semester length interviews scheduled from 8 am to 12 noon Kent Wisniewski, co-chair, will send applications next week</p>
3. Recruitment	<p>Dr. Nicole Slovak, Anthropology Instructor, feels strongly about recruiting from other disciplines. She has volunteered to visit department meetings for that aim. Dr. Masanori Iimura, Chemistry Instructor, agreed that there is interest among math instructors.</p> <p>Slovak also believes that if students accompanied her during these visits that would spur more interest. Scholarship recipients would be prime candidates for this kind of endeavor. Patty Warne, Program Assistant Study Abroad/Language Lab, Modern & Classical Languages, can provide a list of these students who are past scholarship recipients</p> <p>Iimura also suggested soliciting instructors at the new faculty orientations. Tenure candidates can participate as early as their second year. Ann Foster, Coordinator New Faculty Development, can provide a list of third-year instructors. Wisniewski will be happy to provide a PowerPoint presentation that itemizes what should be expected.</p>

	<p>Dr. Anna Szabados, Dean of Arts and Humanities and Study Abroad Committee Chair, admonishes that there is the risk of attracting inexperienced faculty who could not contend with the challenge of teaching in a foreign country (i.e. Costa Rica, Summer 2016). Slovak felt that such shortcomings could be identified in the interview process.</p> <p>.</p>
Updates-Florence	<p>A total of 99 students throughout the consortium have committed. Enrollments are spread evenly. Twenty-seven are Santa Rosa Junior College students.</p>
Promotion	<p>How to use students to recruit future study abroad participants? With Szabados's suggestion, Patty Warne has chosen four students to participate in a Study Abroad promotional video filmed by a media student. The videographer will be filming testimonials from these volunteers about their Study Abroad ventures. There will be music in the background. This promotional video along with a Study Abroad application will be placed on a flash drive and given to students in hopes of encouraging participation. The videographer is being paid \$350 for this project.</p> <p>There are newly designed promotional Study Abroad tote bags. The logo has been changed to emphasize the words STUDY ABROAD.</p>
Mixer	<p>Mai Nazif, Chair of the Modern and Classical Languages Department (MCL), will be organizing the next Study Abroad mixer. She believes Terri Frongia, MCL Instructor, and Terry Mulcaire, English Instructor, should attend since they are the next instructors slated for travel during the academic year. She inquired as to whether there is money for food. The answer is yes. Mixer will be scheduled for either February 2nd or 9th, 2017 from 3 to 5 pm. She will contact Margaret Mann, Coordinator, Financial Aid and Outreach, to visit and discuss financing the trip. If Mann can't attend, perhaps she can provide a promotional flyer. Szabados suggested that we could videotape Mann as well and include her information on the promotional flash drive.</p>
3D Items	<p>Hughes Markovics shared some products that were created on a 3D printer. She had a trinket that costs eight cents to produce. She also said that you could impress an image on this item. Hughes Markovics had a cookie cutter in the shape of Sicily. She shared cookies made with this. A Maker's club on the Petaluma campus is very involved in using this</p>

	<p>printer. She recommended a website called <i>thingiverse</i> which contains file designs for use on a 3D printer to create sundry items. Wisniewski suggested creating item giveaways or games for the Day Under the Oaks table.</p> <p>Hughes Markovics asked if next time, we could order a sleeker, more flexible promotional bag with a drawstring.</p>
Study Abroad Tent	<p>The Study Abroad tent is stored in Wisniewski's cramped office. He will make a PDF copy of the instructions and disseminate them to committee members. There needs to be at least two people to manage the setting up of this tent. Dr. Limura said that he would attempt to find a storage space in the Chemistry Department. Hughes Markovics said there is a place in Petaluma where it could be stored. Wisniewski said deciding to store it there depends on how much it will be used.</p>
Nazif	<p>Nazif mentioned that there will be no Study Abroad table for LumaFest, which is scheduled tomorrow. Nazif believes that we should make an effort to remedy this in the future.</p> <p>PDA proposal is due on Monday, October 17. Nazif has volunteered to submit that.</p> <p>Nazif wanted to follow up on the discussion of last meeting regarding teaching multiple skill levels in a foreign setting. She said that this is not just a challenge to novices but to any instructor in that situation.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Meeting ended at 9:30 am Next meeting will be Friday, December 9, 2016</p>