

Minutes for Study Abroad Meeting
Friday, May 14, 2021
9 to 10 am

Present: Mr. Kerry Loewen (Co-Chair), Mr. Ethan Wilde (co-chair), Dr. Modhurima DasGupta, Ms. Michelle Hughes-Markovics, Dr. Kirsten Swinstrom, and Dr. Kent Wisniewski

Absent: Ms. Debra Ezersky

| Topic | Discussion |
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| Approve Minutes | Minutes of December 11, 2020 were approved. |
| Updates from Kerry | <p>Anne Marie Insull is the SRJC instructor of record for the Spring 2022 Florence trip. She will join one instructor from Diablo Valley College, who will be teaching two elective courses. Los Rios and San Mateo Districts will not be participating. Students will have the option of taking an online course (for this semester only) due to the lack of electives. Students will need to enroll in 12 units. Options are: Art History, Digital Photography, Intro to Poetry, Creative Writing and ENGL 1B. AIFS is eager to be involved again. Due to the pandemic, AIFS lost close to \$50 million. For the new contract, they changed their terms of agreement including the removal of CDC guidelines. Also they are now offering students an umbrella insurance policy that will allow them to cancel for any reason and get a pro-rated refund. AIFS can't absorb additional loss.</p> <p>Mr. Kerry Loewen, Dean of Arts and Humanities and co-chair of the SRJC Study Abroad committee, also served as a panelist for the Gilman Scholarship. He found this "super instructive." He encourages committee members also to get involved if interested. It helped to clarify what makes a good packet and will help him become a better advisor for the Gilman Scholarship. The district does not have a good track record of achieving these scholarships for students.</p> |
| Trips Scheduled for Upcoming Academic Year | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florence 2022 Instructor of Record is Anne Marie Insull. If cancelled, FTES is returned to cluster • Summer 2022 Ireland—Hopefully, third time is the charm. Instructors of Record—Jessica Layton and Tony Ruiz • London 2022 is planned for London. Anne Belden has been selected as Instructor of Record • Spring 2023 Florence—Instructor of Record, Lenny Wagner • Fall 2023 Barcelona—Instructor of Record, Eric Thompson • Spring 2024 Florence (recruitment needed) • Fall 2024—Jacqueline McGhee • This committee will do recruitment for Spring 2024 and Summer 2023 during Spring 2022. <p>If any one of the candidates rescinds, that presents a vacancy.</p> |

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| | <p>Dr. Modhurima DasGupta, Chair of the Behavioral Sciences Department, asked if Jacqueline McGee, English Department, has first right of refusal for the Fall 2024 London trip. She was told that was correct.</p> |
| Miscellaneous | <p>Dr. Kirsten Swinstrom, Biological Sciences Department, brought to the committee's attention a mistake in the website under Future Programs. This was corrected.</p> <p>Meetings will be continued via Zoom.</p> |
| | <p>Meeting adjourned at 10 am.</p> |