

**Advisory Committee on International Studies
Meeting notes February 6, 2008**

In attendance: Erica Bastress-Dukehart, Chair, Sylvia Franke, Leslie Mechem, Paty Rubio, Cori Filson, Marie alice Arnold, Christina Breakell

Announcements:

Marie alice Arnold will be leaving the committee. Christina Breakell will be taking her place.

ACTION ITEMS:

Marie alice will speak with Mary DiSanto-Rose regarding the committee's concerns with the IFSA program at the Laban Institute.

Cori will speak with departments that currently sponsor non-NSE domestic off-campus study opportunities about the transition of administration of those programs from DOS to OCSE.

1. Regular Business

The committee reviewed one petition for a non-approved program. The petition was denied. The committee felt the student's needs could be met by programs already on the approved programs list. The student's program of choice also does not meet Skidmore's immersion and integration goals for off-campus study.

The Dance department has finalized their approved programs list for Dance Majors. One of their program choices is not yet on the approved programs list. The committee reviewed the materials for the IFSA program at the Laban Institute for inclusion on the approved programs

Cori updated the committee on talks with the Dean of Faculty and the Dean of Studies on the administrative home for current non-NSE domestic exchanges. Currently the Dean of Studies administers the Washington Semester, Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory, and the Dartmouth 3-2 program. This is a hold over from before OCSE (OIP) was established. Administratively OCSE is better prepared to support the departments, programs, and students interested in these programs. Cori and Michael are drafting a memo to departments now. Cori and Michael will then be speaking with the departments about the transition and how OCSE can support these programs given the goals of each department.

4. Update ACIS on investigation of study abroad by NY attorney general
Cori gave a history and update on the New York State Attorney General's inquiry into study abroad practices at colleges and universities. The subject of the inquiries appears to be the financial practices of the institutions in relation to the program providers. Skidmore College, to date, has not been subpoenaed.

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