

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS
Meeting notes February 24, 2009

In attendance: Erica Bastress-Dukehart (Chair), Sylvia Franke, Leslie Mechem, Adrienne Zuerner, Cori Filson, and Tina Breakell. Beau Breslin joined for Scribner Seminar discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements.

ACTION ITEMS:

Erica will follow up with an email to Beau regarding the Scribner Seminar international component discussion. Beau will then bring the discussion to Muriel Poston as well as Paty Rubio. The conversation is outlined below.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Scribner Seminar with an international component discussion: Beau Breslin from the office of the First-Year experience came to discuss an idea that faculty had approached him with regarding offering a standing Scribner Seminar with an international travel component. The committee agreed that it would be problematic to offer a consistent,

However, at the end of the semester they may decide that they need to return home to re-connect with their families and friends instead of traveling. This could result in students withdrawing at the end of the semester, which would cause serious problems for the faculty and OCSE in terms of delivering the program.

The committee proposes that FYE consider the model set forth by Jim Kennelly a few years ago. Jim developed a January travel seminar that linked to his Scribner Seminar in that it was an extension of what he taught in the fall. He did not, however, restrict participation to his FYE students, nor did he require the FYE students to participate. Instead, it was a stand-alone short-term January program that was open to all students. He then encouraged qualified students from his Scribner Seminar to participate. In this way, he was able to evaluate a student's academic progress and his/her ability to succeed in the overseas portion of the program. He also did not need to rely only on enrollments from his Scribner Seminar and was able to fill the program with a cross-section of students from several classes. Jim and the students found this to be an excellent model, one ACOP would like to encourage others to consider.

Membership: In light of the recent FEC proposal distributed to all committee chairs, ACOP discussed how many faculty members would be necessary for committee membership. It was decided that faculty representation from a range of disciplines is important but one less faculty member might suffice. ACOP decided that having a member of CEPP as chair and two additional faculty members would be sufficient for committee representation, eliminating one faculty position for ACOP.

OCSE Staffing: ACOP was updated on the current staffing shortage in OCSE.

Petition Review: The committee discussed the non-approved program petitions for the fall 2009 semester. There were sixteen applicants, they were all from the class of 2011, and all were approved with the exception of one. The applicant that was denied applied to the IES London program because of the internship component, but the petition did not have a strong enough academic argument for choos

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| Diana | De Sousa | IES | Germany | Europe Other | Berlin | IES Germany: Metropolitan Studies |
| Laura | Fralich | SIT | India | India | Various | |