

Date: May 27, 2012

To: Robert Kyr, UO Senate President 2011-12
Dennis Galvan, Vice Provost for International Affairs

From: Alexander Mathäs - FSPC Chair, 2011-12

RE: Yearly Report from the Foreign Study Programs Committee (FSPC)

1. Provide your name and the names of the active members of your committee:

Estelle Brunner, Ex Officio, Registrar
Alison Evans, American English Institute
Scott Maier, Journalism
Alexander Mathas, German and Scandinavian
Stephanie Mathison, ASUO student
Shelley Merello, Romance Languages
Andrzej Proskurowski, Computer and Information Science
Ying Tan, Art
Cari Vanderkar Moore, Ex Officio, International Affairs
Ben West, ASUO student
Peter Wetherwax, Biology

2. Provide a copy of the mission statement (charge) for your committee, which has guided your work.

See attached.

3. Comment on the usefulness of the mission statement in guiding your work. What should be included or deleted?

The mission statement was revised in 2001 and is very useful in guiding the committee. The committee would like to consider a slight revision to the mission statement reflecting the name change of the department and perhaps changing the title of the committee to meet current terminology. No formal action was taken in this regard.

4. Briefly summarize the major work accomplished by your committee this Academic year.

During the 2011-12 year, the FSPC approved twelve new program proposals, reviewed fourteen existing programs, and discussed a possible process reform to expedite the approval of AHA courses. Most of the reviewed programs are on a three to four year review cycle. Programs are reviewed every three to five years unless the committee finds reason to review them more frequently. The results of this year's reviews are to be found

in the following list. The schedule for future reviews and detailed summaries of this year's reviews are available from Hiroe Sorter, the FSPC Coordinator. The committee also discussed the approval of Study Abroad Programs in employment contracts of new faculty members.

The following programs were reviewed in 2011-12 and judged satisfactory by the FSPC. They will be reviewed again on the following schedules:

Six-Year Review. The FSPC recommended that the following programs be reviewed in six years (**during 2017-18**):

China Heritage Field School

Five-Year Review. The FSPC recommended that the following programs be reviewed in five years (**during 2016-17**):

OUS Baden-Württemberg Exchange, Dept. of German and Scandinavian
OUS Spring Intensive Program, Dept. of German and Scandinavian
SIT Middle East Programs

Four-Year Review. The FSPC recommended that the following programs be reviewed in four years (**during 2015-16**):

Hebrew University
Oslo, Norway
West African Studies in Senegal, International Studies

Three-Year Review. The FSPC recommended that the following programs be reviewed in three years (**during 2014-15**):

Vancouver Architecture
Sustainable Bicycle Transportation Field Seminar, PPPM
Intensive Italian Language in Lecce, Italy
University of Hong Kong
CIEE Europe-Northern Suite
Rome Architecture and Art History

Experimental Status: The FSPC recommended that the following program remains on experimental status and be reviewed in one year (**during 2012-13**).

University of Pavia, Italy
OUS Beijing Language and Culture University

New Program Proposals:

Approved programs: After careful deliberation, the committee approved the following new study abroad programs. They are given an "experimental" status for 2012-13 academic year and reviewed after they have been in operation for at least one cycle:

Barcelona Urban Design Program, Architecture
Chinese Flagship Addendum (Summer Harbin Language Program)
Primate Conservation Field Program in Tanzania, Anthropology
Bioregionalism in Ecuador, PPPM
OEMBA International Study Program
UNIS- Svalbard, Norway
OUS Ireland, University of Limerick
OUS Ireland, University College Cork
UK Fulbright Institutes
Eco-city development in Europe

Conditionally approved programs: The following programs have been approved conditionally pending the implementation of FSPC-recommendations:

Environmental Writing & Storytelling in Uruguay
Wildlands Studies Programs

5. Briefly summarize the major work you believe this committee should undertake next year.

Next year the committee will review about 16-18 programs. Also, the committee will consider new program proposals submitted during the academic year, and programs where issues may arise during the year.

6. Briefly summarize the workload of this committee in hours per week.

The committee met ten times during this academic year. Meetings average about 1.5 hour. On average, each committee member prepares review material for the committee for two programs. This preparation involves reviewing program materials, student and faculty evaluations and preparing a summary. Program summaries can take three to five hours to prepare, in general. Therefore, committee members will spend about 25 hours during the academic year attending meetings and working on committee assignments.

7. Explain whether you think the current mission and structure of this committee is best serving the short and long-term goals of the university faculty.

Yes, this committee provides a useful and necessary review of study abroad programs by an impartial cross-departmental body. The committee can complete its mission effectively because of the diligent and insightful work of committee members, and the organization

and support provided by the OIA staff. As a bonus, committee members become better informed of the student opportunities for study abroad, and faculty opportunities for teaching abroad.

8. Explain what work of the committee you believe to be central and therefore should continue to be carried out by the committee.

All work currently carried out by the committee is useful, central to the mission of the committee and should be continued.

9. Explain what work might be best done elsewhere. Where do you suggest?

The committee works efficiently. Due to an expected increase of AHA proposals, the AHA Faculty Advisory Board's role in approving AHA courses will be expanded.

10. Is there one or more committees you believe this committee could usefully merge with in the conduct of business?

No, the committee is appropriately focused and with a reasonable workload.

FOREIGN STUDY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

ESTABLISHED: 1969. FSPC Meeting, May 31, 1996

REVISED PROPOSED CHARGE

POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

(a) To review periodically the organized foreign study programs associated with the University for the continued granting of UO credit; (b) to make recommendations to the Vice President for Academic Affairs regarding the approval of all new foreign study programs, approval of new policy proposals, and the continuation of existing programs; (c) to submit an annual report of the committee to the faculty senate; and (d) to follow generally the standards enumerated in "Guidelines for Foreign Study Programs in the Oregon State System of Higher Education" (July 24-25, 1967), in matters regarding program reviews, evaluations, and policy considerations.

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES:

10 faculty representing the various colleges and schools, to be appointed for staggered two year terms. One student, appointed for a one year term. The Director of the Office of International Education and Exchange, ex officio.

CURRENT JURISDICTION

New foreign study program proposals from any area of campus must be presented to and approved by this committee. The committee generally reviews about one-third of the foreign study programs each year to assure quality and viability.

COMMENTS:

The Foreign Study Programs Committee meets approximately once a month during the academic year. The Office of International Education and Exchange provides the staff for this committee.

Revised: June 2001