

OVERSEAS STUDIES PANEL

MINUTES

October 24, 2005

1:00 – 3:00 pm

TSC 205

I. MINUTES OF 9/26/05 OSP MEETING

➤ **APPROVED**

REVIEW AND RENEWAL OF SEMESTER/YEAR PROGRAMS:

II. LAS: OFFICE OF OVERSEAS STUDIES

Req. by Jane M. Cody

A. **King's College London**, semester program (mini review) [13-15 USC units]

- **APPROVED for three years.** The Director's report and student evaluations indicated that the student services provided were very poor, although the academic quality of the courses (only IR majors attend) was high. In particular, student services appeared to have handled a disciplinary situation with a student poorly (according to USC standards), not giving due process and not bearing in mind possible extenuating circumstances involving race. The student was expelled after the end of the term and his transcripts withheld. He is appealing this decision, with the backing of USC's overseas studies office and the Vice President of Student Affairs. The College is aware of the situation, has recently visited King's College, and reports that they plan to add an additional person to the student affairs office. Some panel members were concerned about this situation and thought that OSP should perhaps only approve the program for one year. However, they decided to approve the program for whatever the standard period of time turns out to be (which they thought was three years), with two provisos: (1) The College should provide OSP no later than next fall with a report on the resolution of this student's problem, and their perception of whether the staffing of student affairs has improved; (2) The College should be sure that students who attend are independent, encourage them to live elsewhere than where the incident with the student occurred (in a dorm), and warn them that they will not receive as much support as they get in the US.

B. **National University of Ireland**, Galway, semester or year (mini review) [15 USC units per semester]

- **APPROVED for five years.**

C. **University of Cape Town (CIEE Study Center)**, semester or year (full review) [12-15 USC units per semester]

- **APPROVED for five years.** This is a very popular program. The University of Cape Town has placed a cap on international students. The Overseas Studies Office is considering ways to limit the number of students USC sends, perhaps by admitting students who are taking courses toward major or minor (though most of the students who go are from IR so that might not reduce the numbers significantly). Gerald Bender recently participated in the program's CIEE review.

D. **Cursos Internacionales Deusto de Español (CIDE)**, University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain, semester or year (full review) [19 USC units per semester]

- **APPROVED for five years.**

NEW INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAM:

III. LAS: SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE Req. by Roberto Ignacio Díaz

Costa Rica Summer Program, National Autonomous University (UNA), Heredia, Costa Rica [8 unit program]

- **APPROVED for three years, with one abstention** from a faculty member from the department. This program is proposed by the language section of the department, to satisfy the needs of students who are still learning Spanish. This is the only USC summer program which offers SPAN-220, allowing students to fulfill their language requirement (and also a fourth semester requirement) overseas. The department expects many students to apply, as more than 50% of students taking a foreign language take Spanish.

REVIEW AND RENEWAL OF INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMS

IV. LAS: FRENCH AND ITALIAN (3-year reviews) Req. by Mario Saltarelli

A. **French Summer Program, Université de Bourgogne, Dijon, France [4 unit program]**

- **APPROVED for three years.**

B. **International Summer Program, Verona, Italy [4-8 unit program]**

- **APPROVED for three years.**

V. LAS: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Req. by Steven Lamy

Summer Program in Geneva [4 unit program]

Excerpt from the minutes of the April 15, 2005, OSP meeting:

Geneva, Switzerland [4 unit program]

- **APPROVED, for one year.** *This program was approved for three years last year, which means that they were to provide all the usual information, but that information would be provided to the panel chair and if nothing is amiss it would not be sent to the panel. Upon review, the chair determined that panel input was necessary because instead of sending a faculty member to run the program, or at least visit extensively, as OSP had recommended last year, the department sent two staff members. This year they intend to send one staff member, due to a funding shortfall and because none of the appropriate faculty were able to go. The panel understands that budgets are tight but they encourage the department to send a faculty member in the future.*
- **APPROVED for three years.** Despite the concerns expressed by the OSP in April 2005, the School of IR doesn't expect that they will be able to afford to send a faculty member in the future; students are sent to benefit from the expertise of faculty there. However, USC faculty are familiar with the faculty who teach the courses and consider them excellent; a USC faculty member visits Geneva for research; a staff member accompanies students to get them oriented; and students are very enthusiastic about the program

VI. DISCUSSION ITEM:

Timing and definition of "mini" and "full" reviews of semester/year programs.

DISCUSSED AND APPROVED, a revision. The provost had asked in 2003 that smaller programs (fewer than 10 students per year) have a mini review after three years and a full review after five years (two years later), and large programs have a full review every three years. However, the panel this year is asking for less information for full reviews than previously, making the full reviews more like “mini” reviews used to be. The consequence is that small programs are reviewed more frequently than large programs. Preparing the reviews is quite time-consuming. OSP recommends to the provost an alternative review schedule for semester/year programs: all programs, large and small, will be reviewed with the same frequency--after three years for a new program, and every five years thereafter, unless OSP requests a shorter review cycle for a specific program, or unless there are any problems with a program. Problems could be brought to the attention of OSP by the offering unit, OSO, provost, registrar’s office, or students. This proposal eliminates ‘mini’ reviews altogether, and “full” reviews are more comparable in the information requested to the former “mini” reviews.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

REVIEW/RENEW INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMS – FOR PANEL CHAIR ONLY

- **NOTE:** Copies of the directors’ reports for all the programs listed below were provided to the entire panel in advance of the meeting.

VII. ANNENBERG SCHOOL FOR COMMUNICATION: JOURNALISM

Req. by Geoffrey Cowan

Annenberg Undergraduate International Summer Program (London, Paris, Prague, Geneva) [6 unit program]

Attachment (provided for panel information only):

1. Curriculum Request for Summer 2006
2. Director’s Report for Summer 2005

- **APPROVED BY CHAIR.**

VIII. MARSHALL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Req. by Ravi Kumar

Marshall MBA International Exchange Program

NOTE: Only Brazil operated in Summer 2005, but all 4 programs are requested for Summer 2006.

- A. **FGV-EAESP (Fundação Getulia Vargas – Escola de Administração de Empresas de São Paulo)**, São Paulo, Brazil
- B. **Copenhagen Business School**, Copenhagen, Denmark
- C. **EM Lyon (École de Management de Lyon)**, Lyon, France
- D. **WHU Koblenz (Otto Beisheim School of Management)**, Koblenz, Germany

- **APPROVED BY CHAIR.**

IX. VITERBI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Req. by Yannis C. Yortsos

The Viterbi School Overseas Program [5-7 unit program]

NOTE: Operated in Rome in Summer 2005, but requested for Madrid for Summer 2006.

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X. COLLEGE OF LETTERS ARTS AND SCIENCES

Req. by Jane M. Cody

International Summer School Programme, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England [4 unit program]

➤ **APPROVED BY CHAIR.**

XI. LAS: EAST ASIAN STUDIES CENTER

Req. by Stanley Rosen

Explore East Asia [4 unit program]

NOTE: Operated in Korea in Summer 2005, requested for China and Japan for Summer 2006.

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Members present

Yehuda Ben-Zion
Steve Bucher
Roberto Diaz
Frances M. Fitzgerald (*support staff*)
Stacy Geck
David Glasgow (*ex-officio*)
Thomas Hollihan (*chair*)
Erin Quinn
Kristen Taylor (*student*)
Peter Starr (*ex-officio*)
Edwenna Werner (*for Dean Servis*)

Members absent

Eugene Bickers (*ex-officio*)
Elizabeth Garrett *ex-officio*)
Kenneth Servis (*ex-officio*)

Guests

Peter Hilton, OSO