REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

UWEC has offered a study abroad program in China through ISEP, but costs have been prohibitive to student participation. We have thus been seeking a high quality lower cost alternative. This proposed program will establish an exchange program with one of our current China 1+2+1 partners, Beijing Normal University (BNU). BNU offers an excellent program for international students pursuing studies in Mandarin Chinese, as well as courses (delivered in English) covering a wide array of subjects related to China and Chinese studies. Student services are very good.

Points Discussed by Committee:

- Only four students are allowed to participate in this study-abroad experience at this time, but the quantity can be increased.
- The cost of the program is about $12,170. Experience in China and with the Chinese culture is important to our society. Beijing Normal University is a First-Tier Chinese university. Students can take some classes in English while simultaneously learning the Mandarin language. Students can choose to stay for a semester or a year. This program has the ability to develop into Winter and/or Summer programs. This program is open to faculty exchanges.

Pros of Recommendation:

1. Many courses are taught in English.
2. The costs of this program are more reasonable than the previous China program.
3. This program builds on an existing program between UWEC and BNU.
4. The program could extend into Winterim/Summer study-abroad opportunities.

Cons of Recommendation: None

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None.

Committee Recommendation:

Approve the Center for International Education proposal to establish a study-abroad program with Beijing Normal University in China.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The Academic Policies Committee,

by a vote of ___9___ for to ___0___ against on ___September 25, 2012,___

approved a Center for International Education proposal to establish a study-abroad program with Beijing Normal University in China.

Implementation Date: Immediate

Signed: _______________________________________

Chair of the Committee

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