REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

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

There is steady interest among UW-Eau Claire students in study in Italy. Our current program through ISEP-Direct in Milan is quite expensive and has limited course offerings. The Lorenzo de’Medici International Institute (LdM) offers a wide range of courses and strong student services at lower cost. In addition, LdM has extensive studio arts classes. We currently have few programs abroad that can accommodate students in the studio arts.

Points Discussed by Committee:

UWEC has no other study-abroad program like this. The cost of the program is about $17,000/semester, which is in line with Italian semester programs. This program runs in the Winterim and Summer term as well as in the regular semesters, thereby providing study-abroad opportunities for students who cannot study abroad during the regular academic year. No one from UWEC has actually visited the site, but much information has been shared. We don’t know yet the availability of the studio classes to exchange students. We don’t know yet any prerequisites to those studio classes. The Center for International Education will get that information from the Lorenzo de’ Medici representatives in October 2012, when they are on the UWEC campus to recruit for this program.

Pros of Recommendation:

1. This program offers more classes and is less expensive than the other Italian study-abroad program UWEC offers.
2. Students have expressed interest in participating in an Italian program with studio art courses.
3. Non-art courses are also provided.

Cons of Recommendation: (Please note that APC discussed with an Art & Design faculty member and agreed that the following issues were not sufficient to delay program approval.)

1. We are missing some information (ability of our students to take the studio classes that are offered; the prerequisites to the studio art classes offered).
2. No one has visited the site.

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None.

Committee Recommendation:

Approve the Center for International Education proposal to establish a study-abroad program with Lorenzo de’ Medici International Institute in Italy.
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 Lorenzo de’ Medici International Institute in Italy.

Implementation Date: Immediate

Signed: _______________________________________

Chair of the Committee

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