REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:
In order to create a new opportunity for UWEC students of Chemistry and Materials Science to study abroad, CIE proposes a new student exchange program with City University Hong Kong. In March 2013 UWEC Professors Michael Carney and Marcus Mc Ellistrem visited City University, met with faculty, reviewed curriculum and explored the possibility of a student exchange. This recommendation comes forward with faculty support as an opportunity to create a semester-long exchange in Hong Kong for students in these majors. During an earlier visit in November 2012 by several UWEC faculty and staff, student services and residential facilities were evaluated and appear to be quite adequate to meet student needs.

Points Discussed by Committee:
1. Developed out of a Fall 2012 trip by Chancellor Bousquet and others with a follow-up visit for content by Dr. Carney and Dr. Mc Ellistrem.
2. City University is very highly ranked and has several exchange programs. We are a smaller institution.
3. They want to start with four students: four City University students come here; four UWEC students go there. It can build later. The exact number each semester can vary.
4. The exchange is initially just for students but could expand to include faculty later. Both universities expect that students will take junior- and senior-level courses in Chemistry at the host institution.
5. Both institutions share the same philosophy of the importance of getting students involved in faculty/student collaborative research. Students on both sides current work on research with faculty.
6. The Material Science courses at City University are similar to the Material Sciences courses at UWEC. City University Material Science courses are more Physics oriented. Although establishing course equivalencies between the Material Science programs will not be as seamless as it will be between the Chemistry departments, it is still workable.
7. Instruction is in English. City University students will need to demonstrate English proficiency as part of their UWEC exchange student application. The students who interacted with Dr. Carney and Dr. Mc Ellistrem were extremely fluent in English.
8. Students pay UWEC tuition. The cost of the program is relatively inexpensive, compared to some of the other study-abroad programs. Please see Hong Kong exchange cost estimates.pdf and Semester Costs at a Glance 2013.pdf for cost details.

Pros of Recommendation:
1. We want to increase our percentage of students who are studying abroad.
2. This program provides global collaborative research opportunities for upper-division students.
3. Instruction is in English.
4. Overall program costs are reasonable.

Cons of Recommendation: None identified

Technology/Human Resource Impact:
1. Any new study-abroad program requires extra workload by personnel in the Center for International Education; however, additional personnel would not be required.
2. Conducting faculty/student collaborative research with the City University students studying here will be a task for UWEC faculty, but our faculty normally participate in this type of faculty/student collaboration.

Committee Recommendation:
Accept the proposal to establish a student-exchange program between City University in Hong Kong and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire—to be implemented Spring 2014.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The Academic Policies Committee,

by a vote of __8__ for to __0__ against on April 30, 2013,

recommends that a student exchange program between City University in Hong Kong and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire be established and implemented Spring 2014.

Implementation Date: Spring 2014

Signed: ______Jean A. Pratt_____

Chair of the Committee

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