REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: **Academic Policies Committee**

Brief History of Issue—why the issue is being considered:
Students who have studied abroad in Pau, France have requested the ability to continue their studies through the summer. Other students requested the ability to study just in the summer rather than during the year or spring options. The following proposal to establish a summer study-abroad program in Pau, France is a response to student requests.

Points Discussed by Committee:
1. The Department of Language faculty is supportive of the summer program.
2. The Department of Language faculty would like to see the students do both summer sessions (a nine-week residency) in order to meet a State of Wisconsin requirement that future teachers need a minimum of at least 6 weeks studying abroad to teach a foreign language course in high school and K-12.
3. The main intent is to help prepare future teachers, but students who wanted to attend only one session during the summer and not pursue teaching certification could participate in this program.
4. Students can live in the dorms or with families. Most students prefer the homestay. USAC matches students with families.

Pros of Recommendation:
1. We are responding to student requests for different study-abroad options.
2. The summer session meets unmet student needs related to continuing their study-abroad experience in Pau or to participate in just a summer-only study-abroad experience.
3. We have great success with USAC programs.

Cons of Recommendation: None—providing students with more options

Technology/Human Resource Impact:
None. Director Markgraf indicated that the CIE staff is excited about this opportunity.

Committee Recommendation to Academic Affairs:
Establish a new *summer* study-abroad program in Pau, France, in collaboration with the University Studies Abroad Consortium.
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The Academic Policies Committee,

by a vote of _8_ in favor and _0_ against on October 21, 2014

recommends that a new summer study-abroad program in Pau, France, in collaboration with the University Studies Abroad Consortium be established.

Implementation Date: Immediate

Signed: _______Jean A. Pratt_____
Chair of the Committee

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