REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue—why the issue is being considered:
We’ve had a study-abroad program with the University of Valladolid since 1986. They would now like to extend that program to include student exchange. The proposed exchange would enable the University of Valladolid to send us students for a semester or academic year and would allow our students to take regular university classes there during the spring semester.

Points Discussed by Committee:
1. The 1986 “Spanish for Foreign Students” program is a study-abroad program.
2. Many of our programs are set up as dual study abroad/exchange programs.
3. Study abroad programs differ from student exchanges in the following ways:
   a. Tuition. Students on exchange pay home-institution tuition and host-institution room and board. Students on study abroad pay the host-institution non-resident tuition.
   b. Coursework. Students on exchange can take any classes the host-institution offers (provided they meet the course requirements); other students in these courses are regular host-university students. Students on study abroad could have limited courses from which to choose, based on the program (e.g., many study abroad programs focus primarily on language and culture courses); other students in those course are primarily other international students.
4. The host family option is only available for one semester. Students will live in dorms or apartments the other semester. This is quite common and not a problem.
5. The curriculum is set up so that the first semester students take intensive language coursework through the Language Institute (much like our Intensive English Program). The second semester students integrate with the Spanish students to complete other coursework of their choice (e.g., art, business, Spanish).

Pros of Recommendation:
1. Student exchanges bring a diverse student body here. This exchange will encourage more students from Spain to study here.
2. A student exchange helps keep costs low for our students, since they’re paying UWEC tuition rather than non-resident tuition.
3. Students can take regular classes with host-institution students as part of an exchange.

Cons of Recommendation: None

Technology/Human Resource Impact: None.

Committee Recommendation to Academic Affairs:
Establish a new exchange program with the Universidad de Valladolid in Valladolid, Spain.
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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 exchange program with the Universidad de Valladolid in Valladolid, Spain be established.

Implementation Date: Immediate

Signed: ______Jean A. Pratt_____
   Chair of the Committee

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