
Guests: Mike Carney (representing P. Kleine), Margaret Cassidy, Jennifer Fager, Shanti Freitas, Marc Goulet, Charissa Jakusz, Heather Kretz, Karl Markgraf, Karen Mumford

Chair Pratt called the meeting to order at 2:03

1.0 Minutes for October 23rd and October 7th were approved with minor amendments.

2.0 Proposal regarding Foreign Language admission requirement exception policy

H. Kretz presented the changes to the foreign language requirement for admission to the university needed.

Motion: N. Gannon moved that Undergraduate Catalog (page 9) and the Admissions Publications/website revise the text regarding foreign language admission requirement to read as follows:

Foreign Language** (in a single foreign language) 2
TOTAL 17***

*In almost all high school curricula, algebra II or higher/advanced algebra is the third college preparatory mathematics course required.

**Exceptions to the foreign language requirement for admission may be made for students whose first language is not English.

***Students who begin taking high school course work prior to high school (e.g. mathematics, foreign language) must still present a total of 15 academic credits (English, mathematics, natural science, social science, and foreign language) in grades 9-12.

B. Nowlan seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-1 (with one abstention).

3.0 Proposal from C.I.E regarding Study Abroad in China

K. Markgraf presented a proposal to close Beijing Normal University Exchange and open a new study abroad at Southwest University for Nationalities (SWUN) in Chengdu, in collaboration with USAC. He stated the situation in Beijing is not properly serving our students. J. Hoepner asked if this change will jeopardize the students currently coming into UWEC from Beijing. K. Markgraf stated the change is not expected to affect Chinese students coming to UWEC from Beijing. The new study abroad includes internships and a resident director where Beijing did not.

Motion: S. Duckworth-Lawton moved that the Beijing Normal University Exchange be closed and a new Study Abroad at Southwest University for Nationalities (SWUN) in Chengdu, in collaboration with USAC, be opened.

D. Mowry. Seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.
4.0 Proposal from C.I.E regarding Study Abroad in Thailand

K. Markgraf presented a proposal to close Payap University Exchange and open a new study abroad at Chiang Mai University, in collaboration with USAC. He explained administrative changes at Payap have made collaboration, unfortunately, unsustainable. Unlike Beijing students, we may lose some Payap students currently coming. However, we hope to continue bringing them, as they typically take ESL courses and some music offerings. Study abroad interest in Thailand is strong at UWEC, especially among Education and Nursing majors and this will allow them to obtain a meaningful study abroad experience. Internships in this program have a higher GPA requirement. K. Markgraf also stated the off-campus residencies are not a problem for students.

Motion: J. Hoepner moved that the Payap University Exchange be closed and a new Study Abroad at Chaing Mai University, in collaboration with USAC, be opened.

S. Duckworth-Lawton seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

5.0 Social and Environmental Justice experience to Guatemala for Foreign Culture credit

C. Jakusz, K. Mumford and S. Freitas presented a proposal for a Social and Environmental Justice trip to Guatemala to meet 3 credits (or 1/3 of the total) for the Foreign Culture requirements. They established 6 points within the three criteria that the trip addresses.

D. Mowry asked about pre-trip and post-trip meetings and hinted at the possibility of credit.

J. Pratt asked about sustainability and funding.

Discussion occurred regarding rotating faculty with a trainee and an experienced faculty each year the leaders switched.

S. Duckworth-Lawton suggested consulting and collaborating with Dr. Avin in Economics and also with Dr. DeCosta.

Motion: N. Gannon moved that the Social and Environmental Justice experience to Guatemala be accepted for incremental Foreign Culture Credit (of 3 credits, or 1/3 of total Foreign Culture requirements).

D. Dunham seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

6.0 Upcoming

2 Proposals from C.I.E.

Policy about Student Faculty Research factoring into faculty work load. This may include discussion of Independent and Directed Studies.

Discussion of addressing Program Needs, Direction and Future during Program Reviews.

Adjournment: 2:50pm.

Respectfully Subjected to Secretarial Duties,

N. Gannon