

## REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

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

In January 2019, UW-Eau Claire became the 34th affiliate member campus of the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC). As a part of the affiliate agreement, the Center for International Education has agreed to open more of USAC's program offerings to students at UW-Eau Claire. The Center for International Education (CIE) is proposing adding nine programs to the USAC array. UWEC offers several other study abroad programs by USAC and all of the necessary agreements and logistics are in place to allow students to pursue the additional locations.

The locations being proposed are:

- Geelong, Australia
- Florianópolis, Brazil
- Puntarenas, Costa Rica
- Prague, Czech Republic
- Bangalore, India
- Haifa, Israel
- Reggio Emilia, Italy
- Gwangju, Korea
- Hawke's Bay or Wellington, New Zealand: National Expedition Field Study and Internship

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. The number of students that typically participate in the program
2. Administrative load to CIE for additional locations
3. Course array and semester offering expansion
4. CIE intentional avoidance of overlapping of locations so they don't interfere with existing CIE travel abroad experiences not affiliated with USAC

Pros of Recommendation:

Extends USAC offerings to 9 additional locations and includes semester and/or summer/winterim opportunities. The program is administered by a solid partner in study abroad.

Cons of Recommendation:

none

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee approved CIE's proposal for adding 9 locations to USAC array.

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

by a vote of 7 for to 0 against on March 5, 2019 (Date)

Recommends that:

The Center for International Education add the 9 locations to USAC array starting summer 2019 AY.

Implementation Date: 19/20 catalog

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair of the Committee

Send to: University Senate Office