

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Academic Policies Committee
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Tuesday, September 22, 2020
Via Microsoft Teams

Present: *Members:* Travis DuChene, Abby Hemmerich, Mary Hoffman, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Carol Koroghlanian, Bill Miller, Jamie Tester Morfoot, Evan Weiher
Guests: Margaret Cassidy, Deb Jansen, Colleen Marchwick, Jean Pratt, Jill Prushiek

Presiding: Chair Marquell Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from September 15, 2020

- Motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2020, as distributed. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously (7-0-0).

2. Proposal for Virtual Internships

- Colleen Marchwick was in attendance to provide information and answer questions. This virtual internship was created due to the pandemic, many institutions looking for ways to keep international and global learning alive while travel is suspended. Will add value to what is currently offered, won't compete with UWEC coursework, hope to offer internship in-person after pandemic. Will mimic real world collaboration under the direction of an on-site supervisor and a faculty member employed by USAC who will teach a course surrounding general topics, professional branding, culture, etc. Three credits in a variety of disciplines will be earned upon completion of the internship, along with A-F letter grade. Would be part of UWEC record. Also appeals to students who don't want to travel abroad.
 - Will there be interaction with international students? Would have a collaborative course taken by anyone at any location. Faculty member is in London and the work placement could be 8 possible locations. Work experience would be with a professional within an international company. Cohort of international and domestic students participating, but the international experience will be gained by working with the international company.
 - Will create a course prefix (similar to INTA used by study abroad programs) and could use different sections to differentiate between a virtual and in-person internship. Don't expect a large number of students to participate. USAC is hoping to develop an in-person internship model in the future, would bring back to APC.
 - Excellent experience to provide equity to those who can't afford to travel abroad, or have family obligations.
 - IDIS 398 (International Internships) was created for summer international internships and would need to be extended to include AY. Could be used for this as well? Currently set up to be 1-6 credits. Owned by Career Services who uses it to transcript international internships occurring during the summer. IDIS 230 (Experiential Internship) may be another option. CIE has been communicating with Staci Heidtke.
 - Discuss interview process with timing of registration? Will require good advising. Application deadline is December 1st leading to a short timeframe to interview with USAC then onsite supervisor. Recommend students discuss with CIE staff to determine if it is an option for them and to create a backup plan. Minimum academic requirement of a 3.0 GPA which will limit the scope of those who can participate.

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- Would like for the proposal to go before Senate as soon as possible so it can be offered Spring 2021 for those students whose study abroad programs don't run.
- Motion to approve the proposal for the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) Global Perspective Virtual Internship Program. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously (7-0-0).

3. Proposal for Audit and Control Minor [code 72-405] Elimination

- This item was not discussed; it was on a previous agenda.

Chair Marquell Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Forcier
Secretary for the Meeting