

International Studies Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee

Minutes from meeting on Monday, October 04, 2004

Present: Mary Voigt (chair), John Oakley, Tun-jen Cheng, Bruce Campbell, Brian Blouet, Laurie Koloski, Ed Pratt, Guru Ghosh

The meeting convened at 2 pm.

The chair asked for any corrections to the minutes from the September 20 meeting. There were none. It was moved that the minutes be approved, and the motion passed by acclamation.

The committee then moved to a discussion of Michael DiPaola's proposed course for the summer program in Florence (DiPaola was approved as resident director for the program at the last meeting). Some committee members suggested that changes to the course would make it stronger. Brian Blouet and Guru Ghosh will meet with DiPaola to ask about the possibility of adjustments to the course; both believed DiPaola will be happy to make such changes. A motion was made that the course proposal be accepted, and the motion passed by acclamation.

The chair then distributed a copy of A&S Dean Carl Strikwerda's October 4 e-mail regarding the Montpellier Program, which announced that he was suspending appointment of a Resident Director for the 2005-2006 academic year. The discussion that followed focused on a number of issues related to the Montpellier program, ranging from background information on the program to the question of jurisdiction over it (focusing on ISCAPC's role in particular) to the question of the role that RDs play in W&M study abroad programs in general. It was noted that Strikwerda did not suspend the RD for the Montpellier summer program and that ISCAPC could proceed with appointment of that RD. However, since pending applications for summer RD had come from faculty members who understood they would serve as resident RD for a full year rather than simply a summer, the committee decided to table the issue until hearing more from the Dean.

Other items on the agenda were shifted to the next meeting for consideration. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Koloski