

Minutes of the International Studies Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee
September 8, 2005

Present: Sue Peterson (Dean of Educational Policy), John Eisele (MLL), T.J. Cheng (government), David Feldman (economics), Tom Heacox (English), Laurie Koloski (history), Berhanu Abegaz (Reves Fellow, economics), Tamara Sonn (Reves Fellow, religious studies), Guru Ghosh (Reves, Director of Global Education), Allison Biggs (student), Scott Kuhagen (student)

Sue Peterson opened the meeting at 2 pm. After introductions, committee members reviewed ISCAPC bylaws and elected Laurie Koloski as chair.

Reves fellows Tamara Sonn and Berhanu Abegaz discussed their priorities for the year, which include developing an Islamic Studies program (Sonn) and clarifying the Reves Center's interaction with and support for faculty involved in international studies at W&M (Abegaz).

Guru Ghosh presented some of the Reves Center's global studies priorities for the year, including creating W&M programs in Africa and the Middle East, exploring the possibility of a music program in Corfu (Ionian University), and expanding student exchange programs between W&M and universities overseas. He noted that 617 W&M students studied abroad in 2004-2005; of those, 328 participated in summer programs.

Program directors for 2006 summer programs in Cadiz, Morelia, Florence, Sicily, and Beijing have yet to be selected. Two teaching faculty for the Oxford program are also needed for the 2006 program. ISCAPC had issued a call for applications late last spring, but will need to reissue the call for these programs as quickly as possible.

Peterson explained that the chair of the IR CFAC now sits on the Dean's Advisory Council; one chair from the five IS CFACs (African, European, Latin American, Middle Eastern, Russian) will also sit on the DAC. ISCAPC will call a meeting of IS CFAC chairs to select an IS representative.

One of the ISCAPC's priorities this year will be to formalize the process of assessing study abroad programs. Two probationary overseas studies programs must be evaluated this year: Sicily and Prague. Ghosh will bring materials on the assessment process to the next ISCAPC meeting for members to discuss. The committee will also need to establish a schedule for assessing each of the W&M programs.

The issue of department-based overseas studies programs will also come before the committee this year. The committee will need to verify existing policies with regard to department-based programs and consider modifying or changing these policies. In the discussion over this still-hypothetical issue (no specific proposal has been submitted, though one is likely to come from the economics department with regard to the Prague program), committee members raised three broader issues which should be considered: first, clarifying the ISCAPC's general guidelines/requirements for overseas studies programs, which should apply to all programs; second, "site specificity," or ensuring that the curriculum of all programs is explicitly linked to the overseas studies site; third, the sustainability of programs

that are tied to individual departments.

The committee unanimously approved a motion to change the ISCAPC bylaws to reflect recent administrative changes at the College. The Dean for Educational Policy will now sit on the committee as the representative of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences. The bylaw changes are indicated below:

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The last order of business was to establish a regular meeting time for the committee. The ISCAPC will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 4 pm, with the third Thursday of each month at 4 pm reserved for meetings as necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Koloski