

International Studies Advisory Committee Report, 2019-2020

Membership

Faculty: Amy Quark (Chair, II), Thomas Payne (I), Xin Conan-Wu (I), David Feldman (II), Deborah Bebout (III), Gang Zhou (III).

Ex-officio: John Donahue (Dean for Educational Policy), Teresa Longo (Director of Charles Center), Sylvia Mitterndorfer (Director of Global Education, Reves Center).

Mission

The mandate of ISAC is to provide support and guidance to Arts & Sciences faculty initiatives in international studies. ISAC has three main functions:

- 1) **Supporting internationalization of the curriculum.**
- 2) **Promoting liability and risk management practices in faculty-student initiatives.**
- 3) Oversight of Arts & Sciences **study abroad programs** administered by the Reves Center and advising the dean and the faculty on **international priorities** in A&S.

Oversight of Study Abroad

- Approved launch of a new, continuing Summer Study Abroad Program at St Andrews
 - Serves STEM students who are underrepresented in study abroad
- Selected 2020 Program Directors for:
 - St Andrew's; Rome/Pompeii
- Reviewed reports from the Study Abroad Program Reviews conducted in Summer 2019:
 - Bengaluru/Goa; Cape Town; Galway; Santiago de Compostela (camino program)
- Selected Summer 2020 Faculty Program Reviewers for:
 - Montpellier; Cádiz; combined Florence & Rome/Pompeii review
- Reviewed applications for Embedded Programs for Spring 2021:
 - Norway; Kenya; Spain; Ecuador

Oversight of Study Abroad (cont'd)

- Reviewed applications for Short-Term and Embedded Programs for 2020-21 in:
 - Mauritius; Spain; Ecuador; Bosnia
- Approved new Winter 2021 Study Abroad programs and Program Directors in:
 - Argentina; New Zealand
- Selected a new local partner to assist in running the W&M Summer Cape Town program based on Program Reviewer reports.
- Approved pilot Summer Study Abroad Program in Nantes, France.
- Developed rubrics for the evaluation of Short-Term/Embedded Programs and of Program Reviewer Applications.

Oversight of Study Abroad: COVID-19

- Ongoing discussions with the Global Education Office on Study Abroad cancellations and planning
- W&M Summer 2020 Study Abroad Programs cancelled
 - Several programs converted to on-campus COLL 300 courses
 - 2020 Program Directors offered right of first refusal for summer 2021
 - Approved 2021 Program Directors for Saint Petersburg and Athens/Nafplio
- Winter 2021 Study Abroad
 - 3 programs postponed: Rwanda; New Zealand; Argentina
 - 1 program offered virtually with co-curricular cultural activities and guest speakers: Geneva
- Summer 2021 Study Abroad: still pending, ongoing discussions regarding possibility for virtual study abroad as emergency measure
- Developed set of ‘best practices’ for emergency response virtual study abroad based on experiences of faculty who converted study abroad to a virtual COLL 300 in Summer 2020, as well as GEO staff’s research on emerging practices

Advising on Global/International Priorities for A&S

- Survey of Chairs and Program Directors on international priorities in relation to Strategic Planning, the Dean Search in A&S, and ongoing COLL 300 discussions
 - Reported results to CCPD, Strategic Planning Committee, Dean Search Committee and Search firm, CLA
- Ongoing discussions with the CLA and the COLL 300 Implementation Committee on opportunities and challenges facing the COLL 300 and the overlaps between the COLL 300 and the COLL 350.
- Monitoring of ongoing discussions regarding an expanded Summer Term and the implications for Summer Study Abroad.
- Discussions on the campus Climate Action Pact and the role of Study Abroad
- Surveyed junior faculty and developed a Statement on the Implications of COVID-19 and the Climate of Racial Violence for Tenure and Promotion
 - Submitted to Dean of A&S and Vice-Provost for International Affairs