

International Studies Advisory Committee Report, 2020-21

Membership (* New)

Faculty: Amy Quark (Chair, II), Victoria Costa* (I), Francie Cate-Arries (Fall)/Carla Buck* (spring replacement) (I), David Feldman (II), Deborah Bebout (III), Jordan Walk* (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 advice to the dean and the faculty on **international priorities** in A&S.

Oversight of Study Abroad

- **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**
 - 18 in-person programs cancelled
 - Sufficient enrollment to pivot 1 of 18 to virtual program: Cambridge
 - 2021 Program Directors of cancelled programs given right of first refusal for 2022
- **Winter 2022 Study Abroad**
 - New Zealand program cancelled by host and moved to Winter 2023

Oversight of Study Abroad (cont'd)

- **COLL 300 Revision: ISAC acquired new role approving COLL 300 designation for study abroad courses**
 - Developed assignments and evaluation rubric for students to qualify non-WM Study Abroad courses for COLL 300 designation.
 - Revised Summer Study Abroad Program Director Application Form to reflect revised COLL 300 expectations.
- **Program and Program Director approvals**
 - Embedded Programs for Spring 2022: Mexico & Bahamas. Additional programs rolled over from 2021: Ecuador & Gibraltar.
 - Pilot Summer Study Abroad Program in Nantes, France.
 - New regular Winter Study Abroad Program in Geneva, Switzerland.
 - Summer 2022 Program Directors for: Florence, Prague, St. Petersburg, Potsdam, Rome/Pompeii & Galway
 - Second session for Prague Study Abroad in 2022

Oversight of Study Abroad (cont'd)

- **Study Abroad Program Evaluation**
 - Revised rubrics for the evaluation of Short-Term/Embedded Programs and Program Reviewer Applications.
- **Pandemic Emergency Response**
 - 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
 - Advised Global Education Office on strategies to encourage study abroad participation post-COVID.
 - Advised Global Education Office on strategies to strengthen international institutional partnerships
 - In ongoing discussions and consultations with the Global Education Office and the Vice-Provost for International Affairs on Study Abroad cancellations and planning, Spring semester travel policies, etc.

Advising on Global/International Priorities for A&S

- 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
- Participated in COLL 300 review and revision.
- Participated in ongoing discussions on Experiential Learning and the place of study abroad.