

William & Mary
International Studies Advisory Committee (ISAC)
Annual Report (2018-19)

Membership

Faculty: Seth Aubin (Chair, III), Francie Cate-Arries (I), Xin Conan-Wu (I), Andrew Fisher (I), Amy Quark (II), 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).

Student members: Carrington Metts (Physics, Hispanic Studies), Judith Tauber (European Studies).

ISAC 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) internationalization of the curriculum, 2) liability and risk management, and 3) oversight of Arts & Sciences study abroad programs administered by the Reves Center.

Fall 2018: 6 meetings

Primary work

- *Review of Study Away applications* for Spring 2019, Summer 2019, and Fall 201: Bosnia, Kenya, Tunisia, Cuba (2x), Guatemala, London, Spain, and Guadeloupe.
- *Review of summer Study Abroad programs* (summer 2019 site visits): Potsdam, Prague, Cambridge, Beijing.
- *Selection of Program Director* for Beijing (summer 2019 Study Abroad).
- *Update to bylaws* for ISAC (Faculty of Arts & Sciences).

Other work

- Discussions and planning for diversifying Study Abroad: recruitment of STEM and underrepresented students.
- Winter Study Abroad program development (preparation for 2021).
- St-Andrews summer program discussion.
- Ghana summer program proposal discussion.
- Discussion on possibility of a New Zealand program (Study Abroad).

Spring 2019: 6 meetings

New initiative: *Recruitment of STEM faculty in Study Abroad activities.*

- **Objective:** Increase Study Abroad opportunities for students with STEM interests and needs.
- **Solution:** Recruit STEM faculty into Study Abroad programs to offer STEM courses.
- **Actions:** Recruitment talk given at Physics Department faculty meeting. E-mail recruitment campaign targeted to STEM departments (Biology, Computer Science, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics) and the Sociology Department.
- **Results:** Three STEM faculty Program Directors selected for summer 2020 Study Abroad. Also, three STEM faculty were selected as Study Abroad site reviewers for summer 2019. Finally, a STEM faculty reviewer was also selected to review a new St-Andrews U. (Scotland) STEM-inclined summer Study Abroad pilot program (summer 2019).

Primary Work

- **Selection of Program Directors for summer 2020** Study Abroad programs: Goa (India), Cadiz (Spain), Potsdam (Germany), Rio (Brazil), Rome-Pompeii (Italy), Santiago de Compostela (Spain), Prague (Czech Rep.), Adelaide (Australia), Cambridge (England), Galway (Ireland), Beijing (China), Montpellier (France), Cape Town (South Africa). STEM faculty were encouraged to apply (3 STEM faculty selected).
- **Selection of faculty site reviewers** for Study Abroad, summer 2019: Cape Town, Goa, Santiago de Compostela, Galway. STEM faculty were encouraged to apply (3 STEM faculty selected).

Other work

- Reviewed and approved short term Study Abroad proposal *pilot for Botswana* (summer 2020).
- Reviewed and approved further development of a new *St-Andrews (Scotland) summer program* with a STEM inclination. Selection of a faculty site reviewer for summer 2019 (1 STEM faculty member selected for review).
- **Review of Winter 2020 Study Abroad programs and proposals:** Beijing Normal University, Oman, Geneva.
- Review and approval of pilot trial run for *Military Science International Program*.

Summer 2019: 2 e-mail meetings

Primary work

- **Selection and approval of Program Directors** for two summer 2020 Study Abroad programs: Florence (Italy), St-Petersburg (Russia).