

Minutes – ISPAC, November 15, 2004-11-15

Present: B. Blouet, B. Campbell, T.J. Cheng, D. Dessler, G. Ghosh, L. Koloski, J. Oakley (scribe), E. Pratt, M. Theobald, M. Voigt, L. Whittle

The meeting commenced at 2:05 pm. C. Zutshi and D. Sohoni presented a proposal for a William and Mary summer program in Goa, India. Despite computer problems, they proceeded to clearly explicate the reasons behind and the nature of their proposal; a detailed proposal on paper had been distributed to the committee before the meeting. Various questions were posed by the committee regarding various aspects of the program, such as the nature of the housing and dining facilities, location of the university, price of the program, what the program's relationship with the university would be, and how easy it will be for students to establish contacts outside their immediate group. After a brief slide show, it was moved that the proposal be approved for two years with a thorough review of the program to take place after that second year. In the discussion following the motion, it was noted that : 1) potential future directors should be notified that they need to get started early in planning the program 2) the two three-credit courses had been approved, but not the one-credit course to be taught by the director 3) C. Zutshi still needs to submit an application for the directorship. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Chair (M. Voigt) informed the committee that she had received a letter from M. Fauvel requesting the committee discuss the Dean's decision not to appoint a resident director this coming year for the Montpellier program. The committee considered whether it should be involved in the decision. Initial discussion indicated that opinions were divided. It was decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.