

SAC Minutes Fall 2006

**Minutes of the A&S Study Abroad Committee
November 15, 2006**

Present: Sue Peterson (Dean for Educational Policy), Arnab Basu (Economics), Bruce Campbell (MLL), Bill Fisher (ex officio/Global Studies), Guru Ghosh (Reves), Tom Heacox (English), Laurie Koloski (Reves), Theresa Longo (MLL)

Sue Peterson convened the meeting at 11:00 am.

Much of the meeting was devoted to discussions of **program director applications** for the summer 2007 study abroad programs.

St. Petersburg: Bella Ginzburgsky-Blum was approved as director.

Montpellier: Magali Compan was approved as director.

Goa: John Charles was approved as director.

Florence: Aaron De Groot was approved as director.

Cambridge: The committee began its discussion of the five proposals submitted (for three positions), but tabled it to consider the new program proposed for Ireland.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of a **new program proposed for summer 2007 in Galway, Ireland**. The program was approved and will be directed by Kate Slevin and Tom Heacox. In future years, one WM faculty member will direct and teach.

Applications for **Barbados, Beijing, Cadiz, and Morelia** have not yet been received by the committee and should be forwarded as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

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Study Abroad Committee
November 21, 2006**

Members present: Arnab Basu, Bruce Campbell, Bill Fisher, Bill Geary, Tom Heacox, Laurie Koloski, Teresa Longo, Sue Peterson

Selection of new chair(s): Teresa Longo and Bill Geary agreed to co-chair the committee for 2006-07.

Selection of program directors and teaching faculty for 2006-07 study abroad programs:

St. Andrews Tim Costelloe was selected to direct the program.

Prague: The committee selected Merry Feyock as director and Clyde Haulman as teaching faculty for the Prague program. .

Cambridge program was discussed.

Transfer credit for study abroad programs: The committee discussed the problem facing some students who cannot attend programs like La Plata because they receive transfer, rather than W&M credit for their courses. These W&M programs are created and assisted by

W&M faculty, but W&M faculty members do not lead the programs. This is a particular problem for transfer students who, because they are at or near the upper limit for total transfer credits that can be applied to their degrees, find they can attend W&M summer programs but not a semester program.

The committee recommends to EPC that the policy governing the transfer of credits be changed to the following (proposed changes are in bold):

Study Abroad: All students who plan to study abroad must register with the Reves Center for International Studies. Pre-approval of transfer credits by an appropriate department chair, program director, or designee is required for all study abroad programs **except the William and Mary faculty-led or faculty-assisted programs.** Approved study abroad transfer credits count towards the graduation requirement of 120 academic hours. While abroad, students must enroll in at least 12 credits per semester in order to be considered full-time. A maximum of 18 credit hours per semester may be earned. Credits will be transferred only if a student has earned a grade of "C" or better ("C-" is unacceptable). Earned credits may count towards a major, minor, or any elective. Students cannot satisfy GER requirements abroad except on William and Mary faculty-led summer programs where the course in question is designated as a GER course in the course catalog. Also, students may petition the Committee on Degrees upon their return to have courses taken abroad considered for the fulfillment of GER 4 or 5. To be approved, the course must meet the criteria of the GER and must deal substantially with the country or region where the student is on the study abroad program. Grades are not posted on the William & Mary transcript nor calculated into a student's GPA **unless the courses were taken on a William & Mary faculty-led or faculty-assisted program.**

Sue agreed to submit the request to EPC as soon as possible.

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00

Cambridge approval: The committee approved applications by WM faculty members Rublein (director), Schwartz and Corney.

The committee met to continue discussion of the Prague program. Bill Geary reviewed Sac's proposal from the November 21 minutes (Merry Feyock/director and Clyde Haulman/teaching faculty). The committee re-approved this decision following the model from 2006 for one more year, with the understanding that after 2007 one faculty member will direct and teach.: One faculty member from Economics and one faculty member from outside of Economics.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55.