



**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Study Abroad Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 24, 2018**

- Members:**
- Lucy Alamino, Fine Arts
 - Evelyn Berman, Humanities
 - Matt Ebner, Natural Sciences
 - Chris Gold, BSS Dean
 - Xocoyotzin Herrera, BSS
 - Josh Troesh, Business
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California Colleges for International Education

- BSS pays \$450 a year for this membership, and the Dean asked the committee what the purpose of the organization is and what the benefits are.
- CCIE advertises our programs. Some students may go to the CCIE website to see which colleges are offering study abroad and where they are going. In the past, we have had some students from outside ECC but we don't know how they found out about us.
- This year, it seems that the students largely were ECC students who knew this year's leaders.

Summer, 2018 – Madrid

- This year's trip is to Madrid. There are around 20 students attending and the guides are Xocoyotzin Herrera and Argelia Andrade.
- They held the orientation last week.

Institutional Research Study Abroad Study

- The committee recommends that we request an IR study of study abroad after this year's program ends.
- We can ask students if they have heard of the CCIE; how they learned about the program; whether this was their first time on a study abroad trip; their satisfaction, etc.
- Also, we'd like to know that cost of the program and at what point the college loses money when we are paying for 4 classes that are very low enrolled.

Previous Trips

- The committee reviewed the ECCs past trips and the top 10 most popular study abroad destinations.

2019 Summer Trip

- Because the Dean is new to study abroad, we will take a relatively cautious approach for 2019 planning. Several years ago, Leonardo World, which ECC had used for 10 years, went bankrupt. The trip to New Zealand collapsed and the college had to reimburse the students about \$100,000. Leonardo World had already faltered the year before on the South Africa

- trip and was showing signs of problems. Chris would like to be cautious this year as she learns the ropes and wants to avoid a repeat of that problem.
- Dr. Maloney would like to see us schedule a trip outside Europe. The committee will plan this for 2020. We can use the next year to research locations and reputable companies. The company we used this year, ACCENT, only travels to Europe.
 - In the past, the committees have called for proposals from faculty. The faculty have picked a destination and a company. The committee then picked from the proposals. Sometimes the committee has picked the company.
 - This year's trip is using ACCENT. We reviewed the ACCENT website. The company has been very reliable and has terrific customer service. They have been responsive and flexible. Many colleges use ACCENT. WE reviewed the ACCENT destinations and chose London. We have never had a trip to London, and it is the most popular study abroad destination. Also, because English is spoken, it would possibly allow for the most faculty members to apply. Rome is our second choice.
 - Chris will speak with ACCENT to talk about excursions and costs to London. We should keep it less than \$3,500. We won't finalize the excursions until we know who the instructors will be. Their interests and the classes they teach, may guide the selection of excursions.
 - We should promote the program through a Facebook page or Instagram. Instagram would be better because it reaches more people in the age group we are appealing to. Xocoyotzin will make an Instagram page for the student taking this year's trip.

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Committee Members