

ANNUAL REPORT

International Programs Offerings Committee

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I. Executive Summary

The Committee's focus this year was the study abroad scholarship. For 2019-2020, the Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost, continued the \$1600 scholarship that was available to all students who met the criteria for faculty lead education abroad trips and Magellan. We continued the process of a sub-committee reviewing and making recommendations to the full committee regarding those who met the scholarship criteria.

The Committee's Charge (from the Shared Governance)

- To serve as an advisory committee to international programs/offering on campus;
- To assist the Office of International Affairs with information related to international programs/offering on campus;
- To provide a mechanism for coordinating all programs/offering within various college as well as other areas on campus;
- To provide appraisal and approval of education abroad scholarship applications;
- To serve as a mechanism for international offerings/program development;
- To handle any proposals the committee may make affecting university policy according to section C.2 "Shared Governance Procedure for Policy Change Recommendations";
- To submit a final written report electronically by the first day of the fall semester to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost with a copy sent to the Chair of the SGEC.

II. The Committee met in September 2019, December 2019, February 2020 and (virtually) May 2020. Some scholarship related business was conducted via email.

III. What were the Committee's actions and accomplishments this year relative to each item of the charge?

The committee's primary focus was the study abroad scholarship and the scholarship process. The committee also discussed a Pilot Program funding request and the role of the Coordinator of Education Abroad and International Exchange.

Scholarship Overview:

UNA had 10 programs for the 2019-2020AY;

1. Bilateral Exchange Program with Ms. Kodi Niehaus

2. Foreign Languages and Visual Arts & Design to France with Dr. Stephanie Coker and Mr. Robert Rausch
3. International Business Program (Magellan) with Ms. Kodi Niehaus
4. International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) with Ms. Kodi Niehaus
5. Management and Marketing to Scotland with Dr. Mark Lawrence
6. Management and Marketing to Germany, France, Switzerland, and Austria with Mr. Matthew Oglesby
7. Management and Marketing to Italy with Ms. Julie Heinrich
8. Management and Marketing to Denmark and Sweden with Ms. Julie Heinrich
9. Model U.N. to Germany with Dr. Leah Graham
10. Nursing to England with Dr. Peggy Bergeron

Initially, 7 programs were canceled for the 2019-2020AY;

1. Business to China with Dr. Barksdale
2. Communications and Politics, Justice, Law & Philosophy to England, Ireland and Scotland with Ms. Lisa Darnell and Dr. Justin Joseph
3. Education and Human Sciences to Eswatini with Dr. Leah Whitten and Dr. Matt Green
4. Foreign Languages to Spain with Dr. Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela and Dr. Claudia Vance
5. Foreign Languages and Geography to Peru with Dr. Scott Infanger and Dr. Michael Pretes
6. History to Scotland with Dr. George Makowski
7. Nursing to Dominican Republic with Dr. Clarissa Hall

Education Abroad Scholarship 2019-2020 AY;

- o 215 applied
- o 103 awarded
- o \$164,800.00 (\$1,600.00 x 103) has been awarded
- o 31 denied by the committee
- o 77 taken off the list due to a program being canceled
- 4 Dropped out of programs

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, all international travel was cancelled in March.

IV. What were the Committee's formal recommendations?

- The committee recommends a change in Coordinator of Education Abroad and International Exchange Role on Committee. (proposal attached)

- The committee recommends a Pilot Program Grant: Faculty-led Education Abroad Program. (proposal attached)

V. What does the Committee plan to accomplish:

A. In the coming year?

- For the 2020/2021 year, the committee hopes to work with the Coordinator of Education Abroad and International Exchange more efficiently to reduce the time spent on scholarship evaluation and to work with the administration and faculty to identify ways to assist trip leaders with trip specifics that become very cumbersome.
- Start the Pilot Program if travel is restored internationally.

B. In future years?

Continue the above.

VI. What are the Committee's weaknesses?

This year, the committee's weakness was being absorbed with the scholarship process. The committee evaluated and processed 215 applications.

A. What can the Shared Governance Committee help do you to address the weakness?

See attached recommendations.

VII. Comments: None