

USG Study Abroad Committee
September 19, 2008 Meeting
Macon State College

Attendance:

Dlynn Armstrong-Williams (NGCSU), Susan Pratt (BOR), Charles Ubah (GA College), Stacy Bagwell (NGCSU), Liz Havey (GCSU), Daniela Martinez (NGCSU), Neal McCrillis (Columbus State U), Patricia Ryan Ikegwuonu (Albany State), Jose de la Cruz (Armstrong Atlantic), Orlando Pacheco (Clayton), Debra Denzer (GA Perimeter), Adrienne Langston (GA Perimeter), Luise Stange (GA Perimeter), Tracy Harrington (Bainbridge College), Betty LaFace (Bainbridge College), Jeff Palis (GA Southern), Nancy Shumaker (GA Southern), Jenny Harper (Bainbridge College), Mathew Walker (GA Southern), Bill Deaver (Armstrong Atlantic), Sean Herlihy (Gainesville College), Jane Knight (MGC), Farrah Bernardino (GA State), Jonathan Elimimian (Albany State University), Phil Szmedra (GA Southwestern), Leigh Walker (GA State), Kevin Wang (Macon State College), Nneka Nora Osakwe (Albany State), Ernie Guyton (GA Perimeter), Colleen O'Hara (Kennesaw), Misty Holm (GA State), Tara Berry (GA Tech), Priscilla Dodds (GA Perimeter), Leah Barber (GCSU), Genieve Breedon (Parton)

Minutes

The Study abroad committee was called to order at 10:00am

OIE Office Update

- BOR's goal is to reach 25% of baccalaureate degrees for students to study abroad.
- Currently at 21%
- Want to reach goal by 2012
- Graduation rate increases with study abroad students, currently the statistic is out of 25,000 graduates the rate increases to 89% graduation rate. Further supports the argument for study abroad.
- There is a current audit for study abroad programs which will help establish rules when creating programs.
- There are two levels of audit: a system-level audit, and a campus level audit.
- Looking for BOR approved programs that have been documented.
- Also looking for accurate study abroad program budgets.
- No tuition cost should be paid out of the program cost.
- Audit meant to be a constructive examination of study abroad programs, and a way to standardize programs throughout the state.
- Argument against audit is that because study abroad programs are unique in nature if we try to standardize the programs university presidents might not support the programs.
- Estimated time for this development may take up to two years.
- Start at BOR, move to institution, then to internal, then back to BOR to discuss state regulations.
- Hopefully will unify 35 institutions in the state of Georgia.
- STARS Program
- Because of budget cuts, the BOR has not released an accurate amount for STARS funding and currently does not know when the statement will be released.
- Note for future agenda discussion: how to manage STARS awards for Fall programs.

- In order to promote a program in your online catalogue, it has to be BOR approved.
- BOR is thinking starting a hotline for the public regarding issues from study abroad programs.

- Note for future agenda discussion: how to calculate credit on short term programs.

- Don't forget to send STARS awards report.

October 3rd meeting for ECIA in Macon

Risk Management Discussion

- A draft of the risk management procedures was handed out to the committee.

- It was discussed if institutions could change the make up of the EMT committee or the ERP depending on institutional needs.

- It was suggested that members take a draft of the report to their administration for feedback.

P-card Issues Discussion

- A discussion of issues related to the P-card ensued.

- Some of the issues brought up were: faculty use of their own credit cards, wiring money with an additional cost to the program, cash advances.

- Restrictions of the P-card

- Discussion of opening accounts in foreign countries.