

Study Abroad Sub-Committee (Virtual Meeting)  
System Council on International Education  
Meeting Minutes  
September 30, 2022

Attendance: Lorie Johns Paulez (Georgia Tech), Eric Spears (Columbus State), Katherine Grego (Augusta State), Ivan Nikolov (Valdosta State), Yana Cornish (UGA), Farrah Bernardino (Georgia State), Erin Rasche (KSU), Kristin Kasting Karam ( Georgia Southern), Erinn Bentley (Columbus State), Nadine Jones (KSU), Brooke Quarterman (CSU), Fernando Garcia (Dalton State), Laura Boudon (GSU), Joshua Hudson (Georgia State), Funwi Ayuninjam (GGC), Judy Orton Grissett (GSW), Tammy Rosner (USG), Ralista Akins (University of West Georgia), Tara McDuffie (KSU), Jarris Lanham (GCSU), Sasha Cokuslu (Clayton State), Christy Flatt (Gordon State College), Anne Gaquerre Parker ( UWG), Tara McDuffie (KSU), Cassie Deneke ( GGG office), Jym Lynch (GA Coastal), Brennan Gonzales, Sheila Schulte (UNG).

1. Meeting called to order by Lorie Johns Paulez at 11:05 am
2. Review of minutes from January 28, 2022.
  - i. Farrah Bernardino motioned to approve the minutes. Sasha Cokuslu seconded.
3. Minutes were approved at 11:08am.
4. Presentation from Farrah Bernardino, GSU – Faculty Training and considerations for EA. How has GSU adapted, changed, improved training and pre-departure preparation for faculty due to COVID?

Presentation from Lorie Paulez, GT – Emergency Planning and Preparedness – moving beyond COVID – best practices for crisis and emergencies of all types.

NOTE: Scot Lingrell, new VC popped into meeting for quick intro to group.

5. Questions and Comments on hot topics:

Eric Spears, CSU raised financial support as an issue. How can we ensure that programs are properly staffed when budgets are not meeting program needs to run.

5. Tammy Rosner (USG International Office) provided an update from USG: Tammy shared that the system will be submitting a new RFP for Health Insurance for study abroad – she is asking for volunteer reps to serve on committee for RFP starting in Nov.

Tammy also reminded all members to ensure that the attributes for SA are included in Banner for all SA courses.

She noted that CISI policy changed language on return ticket/trip interruption – no benefit change, just language.

Tammy suggested that under new USG leadership it could be appropriate time to suggest changes to the BPM, and she would work with SAC if a request could be formulated.

6. Lorie brought up the issue of current tensions between Ukraine and Russia and its implications for study abroad in the area. Also asked about security positions on campuses, and Anticipated Title IX changes coming in 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.