

Study Abroad Sub-Committee (In Person Meeting, Macon, GA)

System Council on International Education

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2023

Attendance: Lorie Johns Paulez (Georgia Tech), Eric Spears (Columbus State), Katherine Grego (Augusta State), Irina McClellan (Valdosta State), Ivan Nikolov (Valdosta State), Yana Cornish (UGA), Leah Hicks (UGA), Brian Hibbs (Dalton State), Laura Boudon (Georgia State), Erin Rasche (KSU), Lexie Baker (KSU), Kendra Russell (MGA), Kristin Kasting Karam (Georgia Southern), Erinn Bentley (Columbus State), Ryan Lynch (Columbus State), Brennan Gonzalez (Columbus State), Stacie Harrison Barrett (Fort Valley State), Nneka Nora Osakwe (Albany State), Ron Leonhardt (Albany State), LaShonda Slaughter-Wilson (Albany State), Ishante Hunter (Albany State), Brendon Harris (Augusta State), Atavia Mitchell (Augusta State), Charles Ubah (Georgia College and State), Caroline Cully Garbers (GA Tech), Joshua Hudson (Georgia State), Heather Jarema (UNG), Carmine Palumbo (East Georgia State College), Trent Hester (ABAC), Brooke Quarterman (CSU), Christy Flatt (Gordon State College), Cassie Denekes (GGG office),

Meeting called to order by Lorie Johns Paulez at 12:30 pm. **Welcome and Introductions.**

Review of minutes from September 30, 2022. Carmine Palumbo motioned to approve the minutes. Trent Hester seconded. Minutes were approved at 12:39 pm.

SAC Elections

Lorie Paulez announced that the elections for new SAC officers will be held in January 2024. New officers will start their terms in Sept 2024.

DOE Title IX updates.

Lorie Paulez had no updates from the DOE regarding Title IX. Changes are coming for Title IX and updates will be available by July 2023. No major changes are expected.

Clery Act discussion. Changes in Clery Act occurred in October 2021. Some of the language was removed and not a lot of additional guidance was provided. Language regarding the control of the buildings and crime reports became vaguer. Lorie encouraged everyone to comply with Clery reporting.

Eric Spears asked if anyone was doing monthly Clery compliance training. Lorie said that GA Tech will continue doing what they have been doing since 2016/2017.

EU GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) laws discussion. Lorie encouraged other USG institutions to put GDPR rules on their radars. Some agreements had to be changed because of

the language associated with the EU regulations. Suggested to work with the legal counsel on this issue.

Challenges in the field of Education Abroad discussion.

GDPR: For GA Tech such challenge was the GDPR laws.

Decentralization and Communication:

Katherine from GSU mentioned that the students are not required to register their international internships. Decentralization and communication are the main issues for her office as she works with graduate students who engage in international internships.

Insurance Discussion:

Christy Flatt sked about the CISI insurance and whether it would be better for have more coverage than CISI offers. Lorie explained that “Cancel for any reason insurance” (CFAR) and Interrupt for Any Reason (IFAR) are usually very expensive and not conducive to education programs. They are also difficult to use. GA Tech still keeps it as an option for the students and leave it up to the students if they would like to invest in it.

Katherine from GSU mentioned that they suggest to their students to insure their flights or buy airfare through the airlines directly and not through third-party websites which make it difficult to change flights.

It was also mentioned that CISI has a specific policy for Spain. CISI provides a separate Consulate letter which is required for visas to Spain. GSU does batch processing with the Consulate in Miami and they find this process to be very easy and convenient.

Ron Leonhardt (ASU) asked about using CISI in Cambodia. Lorie stated that GA Tech provides their study abroad faculty with P-cards that could be used for medical emergencies abroad.

Yana Cornish and Erin Rasche mentioned that they will work on putting together a panel/workshop addressing Health and Safety Abroad panel that addresses the issue of student death on a study abroad program.

Updates from Tammy from the system's office.

Study abroad insurance RFP had the first meeting. RFP will be finalized by May. RFP is done every 5 years.

Inclusive advising series - final workshop will be held on Feb 3, 2023.

Reminder to update the Study Abroad Directory. Those who do not have the access to it can e-mail Tammy.

Reminder to use the Study Abroad attribute in banner for Study Abroad courses. Tammy also shared that she made a presentation about the importance of studying abroad to the new Chancellor and hopes that Study Abroad will remain in the Strategic plan.

Lorie mentioned that on her campus they talk about the access issues.

Discussion of the virtual exchange

Stacie Harrison Barrett from Fort Valley state shared their virtual exchange experience

Meeting ended by Lorie Johns Paulez at 1:45 pm.