

International and Education Services Committee

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Time	Agenda Item	Who	Outcome/ Follow-up
1:30pm	Introductions	John Rector	What can the IESC do to make sure to continue a study abroad program for students and faculty?
	Welcome card, printed with several languages	Rob Troyer	A lovely postcard with the word welcome in many languages was presented to the committee. Rob requested that this card be displayed by faculty who actually promote and are informed about study abroad and international programs. * Rob will write up an email explaining this.
	Study Abroad Program	Sam Summers, Sarah Nagel, Ermie Buncal	Sam Summers introduced himself and Sarah Nagel and Ermie Buncal, who are all working in OIED as part of the new Study Abroad Program team. Many issues were discussed about the current Study Abroad Program and the future of this in WOU.
	Alternative Break: getting credit for service learning. Advising Students	Sam Summers Ermie Buncal	Discussion- there is no WOU requirement for students to be Jr. or Sr. status before going abroad. The concern is whether the student has sufficient background before taking classes in another country. Discussion- Alternative Break: can students get university credit for these service learning trips? Ermie is reviewing and correlating credits with students in the Study Abroad program, and works closely with each Dept. He asked if Advisors could talk to students and approve classes before they leave. There is already a similar program called IE3, that gives students internships for university credit. Advisors may or may not know how to advise students going abroad. Discussion followed with several examples of students going abroad and then coming back to WOU

			to demand credit for their trip.
	Course Equivalencies	Sarah Nagel	Course equivalencies are already set up in WOU approved programs. Faculty must explain to students that they must take approved programs or they may not get credit for their travels. Obviously students need to plan ahead! There is an appeal process but this is very time consuming for both students and faculty involved.
	Where is the survey for faculty with international experience?	Robin Smith	Discussion- *Rob Troyer and Daryl Thomas believe they can find that before the next meeting
	Has there been any progress in creating a website where students and faculty can exchange information?	Robin Smith John Rector	There are many faculty who have experience teaching and travelling internationally- these people are good resources for students and faculty.
	Capstone Project	Robin Smith	Group Discussion- on the history of WOU's Study Abroad Capstone Project. There are financial benefits for the student which allows students to save money on WOU tuition and pay for the international expenses. There were some suggestions to change the current format in a way that will match each division's protocol. *Each IESC member will write up a Capstone Proposal for their major.
	How can we inform students and faculty about Study Abroad programs?		What lines of communication are in place to share information and solve problems as they arise? *These will be ongoing discussion for IESC