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MEMORANDUM

To: Administrative Boards of the College of Arts and Sciences

From: Robert M. Jenkins, Chair, Study Abroad Advisory Board *RMJ*

RE: Report on Review of Spring 2010 Proposal

Date: April 9, 2010

The Study Abroad Advisory Board met four times during the Spring 2010 semester, reviewing several proposals for new programs as well as discussing other business. Present at the meetings were the following Advisory Board members: Tomas Baer (Chemistry); Marsha Collins (Comparative Literature); Robert Daniels (Anthropology); Steve Matson (Biology and Dean, Graduate School); Abigail Panter (Psychology); John Pickles (Geography and International and Area Studies); Andrew Reynolds (Political Science and International and Area Studies); Adam Versenyi (Dramatic Arts); Brooks de Wetter-Smith (Music); Robert Jenkins, Chair (Russian and East European Studies; and *ex officio* members, James Leloudis (History and Associate Dean, Honors) and Robert Miles (Associate Dean for Study Abroad and international Exchanges).

The following four programs received the support of the Advisory Board.

1. Burch Field Research Seminar in Vietnam

The Advisory Board offered enthusiastic support for this well-crafted proposal from Professor Trude Bennett in the School of Public Health. One Advisory Board member had questions about the oral history component of the seminar. Ms. Friederike Seeger, Director of Burch Programs and Honors Study Abroad, agreed to speak with Professor Bennett about discussing the methodology of oral history with experts in the History department as well as setting realistic expectations on the number of interviews required of students. The Board gave unanimous approval to the Seminar proposal.

2. Summer Program in Kunming, China

The Office of Study Abroad presented this proposal as an alternative to an existing summer program in Beijing. The new program would offer a different price structure and provide greater opportunities for language immersion for advanced students. The Advisory Board sought more information on contact hours, class sizes, interaction with non-UNC students, and opportunities for cultural activities. The proposal was returned to the Board a second time with clarification on these issues and received unanimous support.

3. Exchange Program with Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile (PUC)

The Office of Study Abroad, in conjunction with a working group at the Institute for the Study of the Americas, developed this proposal, which designed to allow direct access for UNC students at PUC as well as provide opportunities for enrollment of PUC students at UNC. The program replaces an earlier agreement with the Institute for Study Abroad at Butler University, which allowed students to indirectly enroll at PUC. The new UNC-PUC agreement will allow a maximum of flexibility by providing student exchanges as well as directly enrollment opportunities. The Advisory Board asked that the proposal clarify the exact language requirement for the program and discussed the need for students to be made fully aware that they will have to find housing on their own. With these issues acknowledged in the proposal and the procedures of the Office of Study Abroad, the Advisory Board gave its unanimous approval to the proposal.

4. Program at Mansfield College, University of Oxford

The Advisory Board met with enthusiastic support the proposal for a year-long study abroad program at Mansfield College, Oxford. In addition to offering a unique study environment, the Board was impressed by the array of academic offerings that will be available to students. It also turned out the Mansfield College is the alma mater of one member of the Advisory Board. The Board offered unanimous approval for the program.