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## MEMORANDUM

To: Administrative Boards of the College of Arts and Sciences  
From: Robert M. Jenkins, Chair, Study Abroad Advisory Board  
RE: Report on Review of Spring 2018 Proposals  
Date: November 19, 2018

The Study Abroad Advisory Board (hereafter, Advisory Board) met three times during the Fall 2018 semester, on September 26, October 3, and October 29, reviewing a total of twelve program proposals. At this time, five proposals have been approved. The proposals included faculty-led summer programs and two direct enrollment programs. Discussion of proposals is presented below, and a summary is included at the end of this report.

Revisions of the remaining ten proposals have been requested. Some proposals are quite close to being complete and we hope to approve these in time for Administrative Boards approval in early January. Deadlines for enrollment in summer 2019 programs, constituting the majority of new proposals, are in February. So, the January Admin Boards meeting is the last opportunity to approve summer 2019 proposals.

Participating in these discussions were the following members of the Advisory Board:

- Emily Burrill (Women's and Gender Studies)
- Anthony Hackney (Exercise and Sport Science)
- Miguel La Serna (History)
- Richard Langston (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures)
- Marcey Waters (Chemistry)
- Elaine Yeh (Biology)
- Jonathan Weiler (Global Studies)
- Robert Jenkins, Chair (Political Science)
- Jason Kinnear, *ex officio* (Study Abroad)
- James LeLoudis, *ex officio* (Honors and History)

## **Proposals**

### **1. UNC Mesoamerica Through Its Native Literatures and Cultures in Guatemala**

This program proposal is developed by Professor Emilio del Valle Escalante of the Department of Romance Studies, who is originally from Guatemala. The program will be a short-term (3 week) program offering a study of past and present native civilizations in Mesoamerica. In addition to offering an opportunity to visit historical sites, offering the course abroad will also give students greater exposure to contemporary culture and arts. The course will satisfy major and minor credit requirements as well as Beyond the North Atlantic (BN) and Literary Arts (LA) in the current curriculum. With requested revisions, the Advisory Board gave this proposal unanimous approval.

### **2. UNC Burch in Scotland**

This proposed 6-week program focuses on healthcare provision in Scotland, with one course section dedicated to the National Health Service in the United Kingdom, particularly Scotland, and a second course section addressing innovation in health technologies and treatments. The program will be led by Professor Kenneth Donnelly of the UNC and NC State Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering; he is a native of Scotland. The first course section aims at providing an historical perspective on the National Health Service in Scotland. The second course section will be taught as a project-based learning course, taking advantage of Professor Donnelly's expertise in the design process. In addition to hands on learning, the program will take advantage of the Scotland location to make site visits to show the history of engineering and the delivery of medical services. The first course will count as an elective in the BMME major, while the second course will be the core design requirement in that major. After revisions, the proposal was unanimously approved by the Advisory Board.

### **3. UNC Computer Science in Denmark**

This proposal for a short term, 3-week program, is an effort to increase opportunities for study abroad for computer science majors. Professor Kristopher Jordan of the Department of Computer Science will teach Modern Web Programming (COMP 426) in Copenhagen. In addition to the providing a hands-on teaching of programming, the program will take advantage of networking with the local design community to give students an opportunity to see the Danish cultural context. The local partner of UNC Study Abroad, DIS, will be helpful in making contacts and providing a broader cultural orientation. After minor changes to the proposal, the Advisory Board gave unanimous approval.

### **4. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (USCS), Milan, Italy**

This direct enrollment program is being established to provide an opportunity for students who wish to study in Italy in an alternative location to the UNC program in Florence, which has a

large number of US-based programs and students. USCS will offer courses for students in English but also has Italian language courses available. And UNC students will be required to take an Italian language course. Moreover, there are Italian students at USCS, so the immersive nature of the experience will be greater. This proposed program was unanimously approved by the Advisory Board.

## 5. Semester at Sea

This program proposal is to make Semester at Sea an approved option for UNC students. Semester at Sea programs offer a wide variety of course options while study with a large group of students and making 12-15 ports of call during a semester. Faculty from such institutions as Colorado State University, University of Louisville, University of Iowa, and Portland State University offer courses during the semester. This proposal has been developed in response to three factors. First, UNC students regularly petition the Study Abroad Office (SAO) to approve participation in Semester at Sea programs. Second, sponsorship of the program has move to Colorado State University, where Interim Director of Study Abroad, Jason Kinnear, was formerly employed. Third, as a regular affiliation with Semester at Sea will qualify UNC students for increased opportunities for financial aid. As a result of these developments, the SAO would like to make Semester at Sea an approved option. The Advisory Board has approved this proposal.

Respectfully Submitted,



## Fall 2018 Approved Study Abroad Program Proposals

Program	Begins	Expected Number	Credit Type	Prerequisites
Mesoamerica Through Its Native Literatures and Cultures in Guatemala	Summer 2019	10-15 students	UNC Graded: SPAN 374	2.50 GPA; sophomore status at time of study abroad; SPAN 261
UNC Burch in Scotland	Summer 2019	10-15 students	UNC Graded: BMEE 190H, two sections	3.00 GPA; sophomore status at time of study abroad
UNC Computer Science in Denmark	Summer 2019	20 students	UNC Graded: COMP 426	2.50 GPA; sophomore status at time of study abroad; COMP 401 & COMP 410

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy	Fall 2019	5-10 per term	Minimum of 12 TREQ credits	3.00 GPA (but 2.75 considered); junior status at time of study abroad
Semester at Sea	Fall 2019	3-5 per term	Minimum of 12 TREQ credits	2.5 GPA; sophomore status at time of study abroad