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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Administrative Boards of the College of Arts and Sciences

From: Elaine Yeh, Chair, Study Abroad Advisory Board

Re: Report on Review of Spring Proposals

The Study Abroad Advisory Board (hereafter, Advisory Board) met once during the Spring semester by Zoom (on April 9, 2020), reviewing a total of eight program proposals. Five of the eight faculty led proposals were approved and are now being forwarded to the Administrative Boards for final approval. We would like to offer four proposals for Summer 2021, one is a semester program to be offered Spring 2021. Discussion of proposals is presented below, and a summary is included at the end of this report.

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

Rita Balaban (Economics)

Emily Burrill (African Studies; Women and Gender Studies)

Amy Cooke (Environment, Ecology and Energy)

Emilio del Valle Escalante (Romance Studies)

Miguel La Serna (History)

Steve May (Communication)

Niklaus Steiner (Global Studies, CGI)

Jonathan Weiler (Global Studies)

Elaine Yeh (Biology)

Rudi Colloredo-Mansfield, *ex officio* (College of Arts and Sciences)

Jason Kinnear, *ex officio* (Study Abroad)

James Leloudis, *ex officio* (Honors Carolina)

Heather Ward, *ex officio* (Study Abroad)

**Absent**

Christopher Nelson (Anthropology) had a previous commitment but submitted reviews prior to the meeting.

## Proposals

### 1. UNC Science in Germany

This proposal for a six-week, four credit UNC-Faculty-led program is located at the University of Freiburg in Freiburg, Germany. CHEM 262 (3 credits), Organic chemistry II, and CHEM 290 (1 credit), a seminar course will be taught by Dr. Joshua Beaver, a Teaching Assistant Professor in Chemistry since 2017 who most recently taught CHEM 261 in Dublin, Ireland. Germany has a rich history of contributions to chemistry. During the introductory chemistry courses at UNC, students learn about the chemical contributions of numerous famous German scientists including Haber, Fischer, Bunsen, Hoffman, and Baeyer. In addition to famous chemists, some of the most important chemical companies in the world, including IG Farben and Baeyer were founded by German scientists. While CHEM 261 has been offered abroad for the past 5+ summers, including two sections abroad in 2018 and 2019, CHEM 262 has not been offered during that time. Offering CHEM 262 during the summer abroad provides another opportunity for premedical/preprofessional students and other STEM majors to study abroad and receive graded credit from a UNC professor for a course required for their major or professional aspirations. Chem 290, Special Topics in Chemistry is a seminar course where students will interact with European scientists as well as German undergraduate students to learn about interdisciplinary research and chemical industries in Germany as well as environmental sustainability and energy production in Germany and central Europe. The Advisory Board was enthusiastic to provide another STEM course in a new location and approved this proposal in its initial presentation.

### 2. UNC in Jordan: Women and Leadership in the Arab World

This proposal for a five week, six-credit UNC Faculty-led program in Jordan will be led by Dr. Nadia Yaqub, Professor, Department of Asian Studies, and Dr. Diya Abdo, Associate Professor, English and Creative Writing, Guilford College. The program will offer well two integrated courses, ARAB 350 Women & Leadership in the Arab World and ARAB 434 Modern Arabic Lit in Translation, and will offer students an opportunity to delve deeply into the study of Arab culture and society in Jordan with a particular focus on the challenges and achievements of Arab women. Students will meet women leaders (community activists, politicians, professionals, artists, and writers) visit sites of cultural significance in Jordan and connect those meetings and visits to reading from and about the Arab world. The experience of studying the Arab world in the Arab world will offer students a holistic and grounded understanding of concepts and themes that arise in course readings. The program will be housed at the American University in Madaba, Jordan. These courses fulfill requirements for the Asian studies major (Arab cultures and interdisciplinary tracks) and minor (Arabic minor and interdisciplinary minor) and the Global Studies major. Under the current general education curriculum ARAB 350 fulfills SS and BN; ARAB 434 fulfills LA and BN. Because of the small number of students in the major, these courses will be offered to students outside of UNC. The Advisory Board was enthusiastic to be able to offer a program in the middle east and approved this proposal in its initial presentation.

### 3. UNC Communications in New Zealand: Working Globally

This proposal for a three-week, three-credit UNC Faculty-led program in Auckland, New Zealand with an optional 3 credit internship, will be led by Dr. Steve May, Associate Professor, Department of Communication. New Zealand is an ideal location for COMM 325- Introduction to Interpersonal and Organizational Communication, given its progressive work practices. It has a long history of corporate social responsibility and sustainability, in addition to innovative, humane work-related policies. In an increasingly globally economy, students need to, at the least, familiarize themselves with the various forms of work common to different cultures.

Students will be encouraged to enroll in COMM 393-Internship in Communication for an additional 6-9 weeks to extend and apply theories learned in COMM 325 to real-world experience. Communications majors have limited course offerings abroad and COMM 325 is also prerequisite for several courses in the concentration. The Advisory Board was enthusiastic to offer both academic and internship experiences and approved this proposal in its initial presentation.

4. HIST 220: The Olympic Games - A Global History

This proposal for a three-week, three-credit UNC Faculty-led program will be led by Dr. Matthew Andrews, Teaching Associate Professor of History, and housed at UNC Winston House in London, England. Based in London, the study abroad-version of HIST 220 will use the Olympic Games to learn, in particular, about British history, culture, and society. London is the only city to host the Modern Olympic Games three times (1908, 1948, and 1912). Students will immerse ourselves in the history of the city and these Games by touring sites that pertain to the Olympic Games and British sport, as well as sites that can help illuminate the major issue in 20th and early 21st century British history. HIST 220 fulfills HS and GL and counts as above 200 level credit in the Global concentration in the History major. Dr. Andrews has been recognized three times with the Chiron teaching award. The Advisory Board was enthusiastic and approved this proposal in its initial presentation.

5. Transatlantic Security in Brussels and London (Burch Field Research Seminar)

This proposal for a semester long (11 weeks Brussels, Belgium, 3 weeks London, England) 14 credit hours, 5 course offerings, will be led by Dr. Robert Jenkins, Teaching Professor, Department of Political Science. Brussels is the site of headquarters for the two most important Transatlantic Security organizations, NATO and the European Union (EU). As such, it provides unprecedented opportunity to meet with organization staff and other policy makers to bring to life the policy process and the international organizations responsible for policy. As the European Union (EU) has evolved, particularly since adoption of the Maastricht Treaty in 1992, foreign, security, and defense policies and institutions have been created and deepened. The overlapping territorial focus of both organizations, their contemporaneous evolution, and mix of member states and interests make comparisons between NATO and the EU interesting. The two core classes, POLI/PWAD 252H and POLI/PWAD 459H focus on international organizations and Transatlantic Security. Both courses fulfill SS and GL. The British perspective on Brexit will be the focus of the three week HNRS 352 course taught by Claire Bolderson, former host of BBC radio Newshour, and will be housed at UNC Winston House. Dr. Jenkins has over two decades of experience leading courses abroad. The locales and course offerings are ideally suited to applying experiential learning to a timely topic. The Advisory Board was enthusiastic and approved this proposal in its initial presentation.

Respectfully Submitted,



Research Professor

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### Spring 2020 Approved Study Abroad Program Proposal

Program	Begins	Expected Number	Credit Type	Prerequisites
UNC Science in Germany	Summer 2021	10-22	UNC graded: CHEM262, CHEM290	2.5 GPA; Soph, Jr., Sr.
UNC in Jordan: Women and Leadership in the Arab World	Summer 2021	10-20	UNC graded: ARAB 350, ARAB 434	2.5 GPA; Soph, Jr., Sr.
UNC Communications in New Zealand: Working Globally	Summer 2021	10-20	UNC graded: COMM325, COMM393	2.5 GPA; Soph, Jr.
HIST 220: The Olympic Games-A global History	Summer 2021	10-15	UNC graded: HIST220	3.0 GPA; Soph, Jr., Sr.
Transatlantic Security in Brussels and London	Spring 2021	10-20	UNC graded: POLI/PWAD 252H, POLI/PWAD 459H, POLI 395, HNRS 352  TREQ from Vesalius College	3.0 GPA. Soph, Jr., Sr.