
Study Abroad Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2024; 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Zoom link: <https://fulcoll-edu.zoom.us/j/77829105081?pwd=6Nj0YSuDgMibcyabiExMen3QoyuJx7.1>

Members: Leonor Cadena, Angela Henderson, Naveen Kanal, Renay Laguana-Ferinac, Valentin Macias, Lola Martinez, Citlally Santana, Daniel Scarpa, Stephanie Tran, Blythe Tellefsen, Carina Valencia, Dani Wilson.

Present: Justin Campbell, Megan Debin, Danielle Fouquette, Angela Henderson, Naveen Kanal, Mihoko Luther, Val Macias, Lola Martinez, Alan Ray, Citlally Santana, Stephanie Tran, Carina Valencia, Dani Wilson.

Coordinator's Report

1. Paris Site Visit:

- Angela provided a report on the recent Paris site inspection in March 2024. Dr. Cynthia Olivo attended this site visit alongside Angela Henderson and Dani Wilson. The site inspection included visits to the FIAP student housing, classrooms, and homestays. Students shared impactful experiences from the program.
- The Board of Trustees expressed concern over Dr. Olivo's participation in the Paris site inspection and the potential impact on student costs from the site inspections. Angela and Dani presented at the April 9, 2024, board meeting to clarify that site inspections do not affect student costs for study abroad programs.

2. Program Updates:

Summer 2024 Programs (Kyoto, London, and CTE Germany):

- The enrollment and deposit deadline for the program has passed. The final count for the London program is 23 students, and for the Kyoto program, it is 19 students.
- The CTE Germany has 19 students participating, but Angela reported that she will be interviewing additional students to raise the total count to 20 student participants.

Kyoto, Japan Fall 2024:

- There are 22 accepted and 15 provisional students for the Kyoto program. Enrollment and deposit are due in June. Angela and the Kyoto faculty are conducting additional interviews before the end of the spring semester.

- Five students applied to the Benjamin Gilman Scholarship. Angela will check the application status for the five students who applied.

Lisbon, Portugal Spring 2025:

- Lisbon interviews have been scheduled for April and May. A meet-and-greet has been scheduled for May 10. The purpose of meet-and-greets is to give students the opportunity to ask what information they need to prepare for their study abroad program. The meet-and-greets also keep students interested in the program and give them a chance to meet other students.

3. 2026 Study Abroad Programs:

Congratulations to the new faculty leading study abroad programs for 2026.

Winter Intersession 2026 – Paris, France:

- Justin Campbell from Cypress College will lead a program to Paris, France, during the winter intersession in 2026. The program will offer English 102 F with an emphasis on James Baldwin's life and works.

Spring 2026 – Seville, Spain:

- Leonor Cadena and Sergio Banda from Fullerton College will lead the Seville, Spain, program for Spring 2026. The program will offer courses in Anthropology and Sociology. AIFS has a great onsite team in Seville that provided tremendous support for the Seville program in 2023.

Summer 2026 – Berlin, Germany and Kyoto, Japan:

- Kristen Mihaylovich from Fullerton College will lead the Berlin, Germany, program for Summer 2026. The program will offer an Art History course.
- Mihoko Luther from Cypress College will lead the Kyoto, Japan, program for Summer 2026. The program will offer a Japanese language course.

Fall 2026 – Rome, Italy:

- Megan Debin and Marcus Wilson from Fullerton College will lead the Rome, Italy program for Fall 2026. The program will offer courses in Business and Art History.

4. Study Abroad Committee – Updates:

- Angela thanked the committee members who served and will term out this spring semester. Angela asked the committee to share the three seats open for election with their departments and divisions.
- Val Macias – Fall 2022 – Spring 2024
- Blythe Tellefsen – Fall 2022 – Spring 2024
- Daniel Scarpa – Fall 2023 – Spring 2024

5. Commit2Cypress and Fullerton College Promise Events:

- Cypress and Fullerton College are hosting their promise events on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Incoming first-year students attend the event. Angela asked for faculty support to help during these events and encouraged new faculty to promote their new programs in 2026. Angela will attend the Commit2Cypress event. Carina and Paula from AIFS will be tabling at the Fullerton College event. Danielle Fouquette, Megan Debin, and Alan Ray indicated they will help support the Fullerton College event.

6. Fall Fundraiser:

- Tentative date: October 4, 2024
- Maria Cadena has generously offered her home to host another study abroad fundraiser. The fundraiser will help raise scholarship funds for students participating in study abroad programs in 2025.
- The fundraiser will be held earlier this year to ensure we can provide students with scholarship funds before the deposit and final payment deadlines.

7. Senate and PAC Report Overview:

- Angela will present her end-of-year summary report to the Senate and PAC. She shared 2023 data regarding race and ethnicity and is working on strategies to increase recruitment efforts for male, Black, and Asian students. Angela will share the finalized report with the committee.

8. Endorsement for Additional Reassigned Time:

- The coordinator's workload duties have increased due to the number of programs offered yearly. Increased workload and support with fundraising for study abroad scholarships have made it difficult to keep track of this work with only six units of reassigned time. Angela asked the committee for input on getting an endorsement to request additional reassigned time. The committee suggested creating a letter of endorsement that the committee can sign.

9. Endorsement for Re-election:

- Angela's coordinator role for study abroad ends in spring 2025. She plans to run again for this role and asked the committee if they would endorse her. Angela plans to bring a proposal with the request for 12 units of reassigned time and coordinator's responsibilities for the September 2024 meeting.

10. Future Committee Meetings:

- Due to the time conflict with the Humanities Scholarship Tea event, there will be no meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2024. Angela will send out meeting minutes, PAC/Senate reports, and any updates that arise in May.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.