
Study Abroad Committee Meeting Notes

September 12, 2024 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Zoom Link:

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

In attendance: Leonor Cadena, Danielle Fouquette, Angela Henderson, Naveen Kanal, Renay Laguana-Ferninac, Mihoko Luther, Kimberly Perez, Citlally Santana, Stephanie Tran, Carina Valencia, Dani Wilson

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Angela opened the meeting with introductions.

II. New Committee Members

- Naveen Kanel and Kimberly Perez
- Angela introduced the new committee. One seat is available in the study abroad committee.

I. Agenda Topics

• Summer 2024 Update

- Angela thanked the faculty who assisted with outreach events over the summer at Cypress College and Fullerton College. These events are one of the best ways for faculty to promote their study abroad programs to potential students.
- A slideshow video highlighting Summer 2024 programs was presented. Danielle inquired about sharing the slideshow for promotional purposes. Carina will verify that students in the photos have signed a photo release form.
- Angela and Dani shared that the summer programs went well. Students were actively engaged in their study abroad classes and taking part in all the excursions and cultural activities. Dani commented that there was a higher number of male students who participated in the CTE Germany program, likely due to the auto and welding manufacturing industry that is male dominated.

• Program Updates

• **Lisbon, Portugal – Spring 2025:** 13 accepted, 7 provisional

- Angela commented that this is the first time sending students to Lisbon, Portugal next semester. She has been working with the Lisbon faculty to interview students this past week. Additional interviews will be conducted in the next few weeks. The Lisbon information sessions are schedule for September 17 and 18, 2024.

• **CTE Florence and Rome, Italy – Spring Break 2025:** 8 applicants

- Angela commented that a 2nd CTE program is set for spring break 2025 that is focused on architecture. An information session is scheduled for September 24, 2024. Danielle asked how faculty can help promote and recruit for this CTE program. The course for the program is open to students from all majors and the architecture course fulfills general education requirements. Alan Ray is working to promote the program to a broader range of students by reaching out to other CTE disciplines.

- **Dublin, Ireland – Summer 2025:** 7 applicants
 - Information sessions are scheduled for September 25 and 26, 2024. Angela and Mike Mangan have already started interviewing students for the program.
- **San Jose, Costa Rica – Summer 2025:** 5 applicants
 - Angela commented Costa Rica is a new location where students will be studying abroad next summer. The cost for the Costa Rica program is coming at a lower price compared to other 2025 programs. Information sessions are scheduled for September 25 and 26, 2024.
- **London, England – Fall 2025:** 4 applicants
 - Information sessions are scheduled for October 1 and 3, 2024. Committee members are encouraged to share details for these upcoming information sessions in their classes this semester.
- **Scholarship Workshops:**
 - Angela reported that she hosted a Fund for Education Abroad workshop in early September, with 8 students in attendance. The workshop provided support for students with reviewing the application process and application essays. The Fund for Education Abroad Scholarship is a national scholarship, that awards up to \$3,000 – 5,000 for students participating in a semester long program. Angela noted that one Paris student was awarded this scholarship last semester. The Fund for Education Abroad application deadline is Wednesday, September 18, 2024.
 - Angela will be hosting a Benjamin A. Gilman workshop on September 24. The Gilman Scholarship is open to students who are Pell Grant recipients. Angela commented that she encourages all study abroad students to apply for this scholarship, as well as other available scholarship opportunities. If students are unable to attend the workshop, Angela can meet with students' one-on-one meetings to provide essay review and feedback.
- **Study Abroad Fundraiser Event:**
 - Event Details: Friday, November 15, 2024 – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 - Angela thanked Leonor Cadena for offering to host the upcoming study abroad fundraiser event at her home. The fundraiser event will feature a three-course meal with wine pairings, and tickets are priced at \$130. Angela emphasized the importance of supporting students by providing scholarships and noted that this event is one of the biggest of the year to fundraise for study abroad scholarships.
 - Angela indicated that all committee members can help support the event by advertising to their networks. The focus of this event is to increase community and business sponsorships. Angela is preparing a cover letter and media toolkit to approach businesses, highlighting the ways they can support our scholarship efforts. This is a great opportunity for businesses to showcase their involvement with Fullerton College.
 - Angela, Dani, and Carina are working with the Friends for Fullerton College Foundation to set up a donation link for the event. A flyer with all the details will become available once the donation link is ready. Angela also shared that donations of wine valued at \$25 or more are needed for the event and encouraged committee members to help invite other and businesses to participate. Angela will have a sign-up sheet for those interested in helping with the setup and breakdown of the event.

- Leonor asked the faculty to consider attending the Board of Trustees meeting on October 8, 2024, to speak during public comment. The goal is to share the impact of Study Abroad programs and how it is transforming students' lives. Leonor also commented that with rising costs of study abroad programming, it is important that fundraising efforts are successful to support as many students as possible. Many students face significant financial challenges, and fundraising helps to transform students' lives through study abroad opportunities.
- Danielle offered to present information about the fundraiser at the upcoming Faculty senate meeting.
- **AIFS Ambassador: Kristelle Chatagneau**
 - Angela shared that Kristelle Chatagneau is working with AIFS as a student ambassador. Kristelle participated in the Paris, France Spring 2024 program and was awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman scholarship. Angela is working with Kristelle and having her support with outreach efforts by sharing her study abroad experience with other students. Angela encouraged faculty to invite Kristelle to speak to their classes to inform potential students about studying abroad.
- **NAFSA National Conference:**
 - Conference dates: May 27 – 30, 2025
 - Angela shared information regarding the NAFSA conference that has an emphasis with study abroad industry. Faculty who are willing to attend can apply through Staff Development for funding.
- **Additional Comments:**
 - Dani made an announcement that faculty can start submitting 2027 study abroad proposals at the end of the semester. Faculty proposals for 2027 will be due by February 18, 2025, with interviews to be held on March 7, 2025. Faculty are encouraged to share this information within their departments and divisions. Those interested in submitting a proposal can reach out to Angela Henderson for support.
 - Stephanie Tran volunteered to serve in the proposal review and interview committee.

II. Study Abroad Committee Meeting Fall 2024 Dates

- Thursday, September 12, 2024, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- ~~Thursday, October 10, 2024, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. CANCELLED~~
- Thursday, November 14, 2024, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 12, 2024, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.