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## Study Abroad Committee Meeting Notes

November 14, 2024 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Zoom Link:

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

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**In attendance:** Sergio Banda, Leonor Cadena, Pam Dunsmore, Danielle Fouquette, Angela Henderson, Naveen Kanal, Renay Laguana-Ferinac, Kimberly Perez, Jaime Perez, Citlally Santana, Stephanie Tran, Carina Valencia, Dani Wilson

### I. Agenda Topics

#### Program Updates –

- **Lisbon, Portugal – Spring 2025:**
  - 18 accepted, 12 provisional.
  - Angela commented that the Lisbon payment deadlines are due in November and December.
- **CTE Florence and Rome, Italy – Spring Break 2025:**
  - 13 accepted, 5 provisional.
  - Applications are still being accepted, and interviews are ongoing.
- **Dublin, Ireland – Summer 2025:**
  - 11 accepted, 21 provisional.
  - No longer accepting applications. There is a waitlist with 10 students.
  - Dublin is a popular program. Angela commented that the Dublin information is no longer listed on the study abroad website due to reaching max capacity. The popularity of this program is likely due to students being comfortable traveling to another English-speaking country.
- **San Jose, Costa Rica – Summer 2025:**
  - 5 accepted, 3 provisional.
  - The committee is encouraged to continue promoting the Costa Rica program. Recruiting efforts will continue through the spring 2025 semester, even though the deposit and payment deadlines are in March and April 2025.
  - The Costa Rica program is priced at an affordable fee, making it an excellent option for students.
- **London, England – Fall 2025:**
  - 4 accepted students and doing additional interviews on November 18, 2024.
  - Applications are still being accepted, and we will host additional information sessions in spring 2025.
- **2026 Programs:**
  - The committee can start promoting 2026 programs and sharing information with their students. The information will be posted on the study abroad website before winter break.
- **Faculty Proposal Applications for 2027 Study Abroad Programs**
  - Angela and Dani announced that faculty proposal applications will be sent by the end of November. Faculty proposals for 2027 will be due by Friday, February 14, 2025, with interviews

scheduled for Friday, March 7, 2025. Angela will offer one-on-one meetings with interested faculty to provide guidance and support with their applications. Angela asked that the faculty proposal applications be promoted in other committee meetings.

- Danielle Fouquette inquired about whether study abroad locations have been preselected for 2027. Angela responded that the program will return to Seville in spring 2026 and London in Fall 2025 and 2027. AIFS has well-established locations in London and Seville, and we've learned that this often helps mitigate student issues, address student concerns more effectively, and offer additional faculty support. Angela also noted that students are more likely to seek assistance from AIFS program on-site leaders and managers, and the housing arrangements in these locations are convenient. Danielle asked that this information be shared during the public comment segment at the Cypress College and Fullerton College faculty senate meetings.
- Angela asked the committee if anyone else was interested in joining the interview panel. Stephanie Trans is no longer available. The confirmed interview committee volunteers are Danielle Fouquette, Renay Laguana-Ferinac, and Leonor Cadena, with Citlally Santana and Jaime Perez tentatively scheduled. Additional volunteers are encouraged to participate.
- **Spread the Word – Donations for Study Abroad Scholarships:**
  - Angela shared details about the November 15 Study Abroad Fundraiser, emphasizing its goal of raising funds to support study abroad scholarships for students. The QR code for donations remains active.
  - Leonor Cadena and Danielle Fouquette suggested that faculty attend a future NOCCCD board meeting and speak during public comment to promote study abroad programs and include students to speak about their experiences.
  - Sergio Banda mentioned that his son, who participated in the spring 2024 program in Paris, France, is willing to volunteer as a student speaker to share his experience.
- **Committee Meeting Updates – Spring 2025 meetings**
  - Current committee Zoom meetings are not compliant with the Brown Act. For the spring 2025 semester, all committee meetings must transition back to campus.
  - Angela will collaborate with Cypress College staff to establish a remote location.
- **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 4:43 p.m.