
Study Abroad Committee - Meeting Notes

February 13, 2025, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Fullerton College Library – 800 building – Room 822

In attendance: Pamela Dunsmore, Angela Henderson, Naveen Kanal, Jaime Perez, Citlally Santana, Carina Valencia, Dani Wilson, Marcus Wilson

Agenda Topics:

I. Coordinator's Update

Lisbon, Portugal – Spring 2025:

- 22 students are participating in the Lisbon program. Two Lisbon students are Gilman Scholarship recipients. Students depart for Lisbon, Portugal, on February 21, 2025.

Dublin, Ireland – Summer 2025:

- The program has closed with 35 accepted students. Students have started enrolling and paying their deposit payments for the program. Students who were not accepted were referred to other study abroad programs.

San Jose, Costa Rica – Summer 2025:

- Currently, 16 students accepted. Angela is hosting another Zoom information session on February 19 at 5 p.m. A final recruitment push is underway to reach the minimum student enrollment.

London, England – Fall 2025:

- 15 students accepted, with five provisional acceptances. Additional applications have come in the last few months. Angela and faculty will conduct information sessions and additional interviews during the spring semester.

Upcoming 2026 Programs and Spring Information Sessions:

- Information on 2026 programs is now available on the Study Abroad website. Angela will host multiple information sessions in February, March, and April 2025 for the upcoming 2026 programs.
- Angela hosted two Gilman workshops in early February. Currently, seven students are applying for the March 5 application round.

2026 Canvas Page:

- Angela is developing a Canvas page for 2026 study abroad programs. The page will be activated and shared with faculty by Friday, February 14, 2025.

- Citlally Santana requested access to the Study Abroad Canvas page to send messages and reminders to students. Citlally will create a unique link for students to schedule Zoom or in-person appointments.

Open Doors Survey for 2024:

- Angela shared the 2024 Open Doors Survey data covering U.S. Study Abroad/Education Abroad programs. She pointed out that our Study Abroad program exceeded the national average for the Latino population. Angela emphasized the need to increase participation among Asian and African American students. The data survey also highlighted the top 10 study abroad destinations, which is on par with faculty program proposals. Faculty engagement with students is key to student participation in study abroad programming.

Faculty Program Proposals:

- Faculty are to submit proposals for 2027 study abroad programs by February 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Angela met with several faculty to provide feedback and guidance on proposals. She presented information about faculty program proposals at Cypress College and Fullerton College faculty senate meetings.

Faculty Selection Interviews:

- Faculty selection interviews for 2027 programs will be on Friday, March 7, 2025. Committee members include Renay Laguana-Ferinac, Citlally Santana, Jaime Perez, Leonor Caneda, and Pamela Dunsmore.
- Danielle Fouquette has withdrawn from the committee.

Faculty Responsibilities Update:

- Angela requested committee feedback on faculty participation in fundraising activities listed under the faculty responsibilities. She emphasized that fundraising has become a significant part of the Study Abroad program. The program collaborates with the Friends of Fullerton College Foundation to ensure compliance with fundraising guidelines. Over the past four years, approximately \$32,000 has been raised for study abroad scholarships.
- Marcus Wilson inquired about using unrestricted funds from the Friends of Fullerton College Foundation for study abroad.

Study Abroad Scholarship Fundraiser Subcommittee:

- Danielle Fouquette and Leonor Cadena expressed interest in hosting an on-campus fundraiser in May 2025. Danielle and Leonor will form a subcommittee to plan the fundraiser event. Angela requested additional committee members to support the effort.
- Potential event dates are Thursday, May 1, 2025, or Friday, May 2, 2025. Thursday is preferable due to the higher faculty and staff presence on campus. Angela will provide a follow-up update on the event once the date is finalized.

Study Abroad Committee Meeting Spring 2025 Dates:

Thursday, February 13, 2025, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, 2025, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 10, 2025, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 8, 2025, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.