

Study Abroad Committee
Meeting Notes
Thursday, March 12, 2026
4:00 - 5:00 PM
In-Person – Building 800, Room 822

Members Present: Michael Mangan, Carina Valencia, Pamela Dunsmore, Cynthia Guardado, Naveen Kanal, Jaime Perez, Miguel Powers, Alyssa Sandoval, Citlally Santana, Stephanie Tran, Penn Wu

Members Not Present: Dani Wilson, Hannah Pham

- I. **Coordinator's Updates – Michael Mangan**
- II. **2026 Program Updates – Michael Mangan**
 - a. **Berlin, Germany – Summer 2026**
 - i. 30 participants
 - ii. 4 waitlisted students
 - iii. Enrollment remains strong and stable.
 - b. **Kyoto, Japan – Summer 2026**
 - i. 29 accepted and 6 provisional students.
 - ii. 10 students waitlisted.
 - iii. The program continues to show very high student interest.
 - c. **Grenoble, France – Summer 2026**
 - i. 7 students accepted.
 - ii. Additional faculty interviews scheduled for March 18
 - iii. Enrollment continues to struggle and remains a concern.
 - d. **Panama City, Panama – Summer 2026**
 - i. 3 students accepted
 - ii. The program continues to struggle with recruitment.
 - iii. The most recent information session had no student participants attend.
 - iv. Mike noted he had a constructive conversation with Queen Peterson and Arnette Edwards regarding the program's challenges.
 - v. The application will remain open on the Study Abroad website through the end of the month.
 - e. **Rome, Italy – Fall 2026**
 - i. 33 accepted, and 6 provisional students.
 - ii. 2 students waitlisted
 - iii. Enrollment is extremely strong, with high student interest.
- III. **2027 Program Updates - Michael Mangan**
 - a. **Rome, Italy Winter 2027**
 - i. 4 applicants
 - b. **Sydney, Australia Winter 2027**
 - i. 5 applicants
 - c. **Buenos Aires, Argentina Winter 2027**
 - i. 3 applicants

- ii. Information session is scheduled for March 12
 - d. Nice, France Spring 2027**
 - i. 6 applicants
 - ii. Information session is scheduled for March 12
 - e. Paris, France Summer 2027**
 - i. 1 applicant
 - f. Seoul, South Korea Summer 2027**
 - i. 5 applicants
 - g. London, England Fall 2027**
 - i. No applicants at this time.
- IV. **2028 Faculty Proposals – Michael Mangan**
 - a. Mike announced faculty selected to lead a study abroad program in 2028:
 - b. San Jose, Costa Rica – Winter Intersession 2028**
 - i. Faculty: Roman De Jesus and Royden Hobbs
 - c. Seville, Spain – Spring 2028**
 - i. Faculty Miguel Powers and Leonor Cadena
 - d. Kyoto, Japan – Summer 2028**
 - i. Faculty: Penn Wu
 - e. Maynooth/Dublin, Ireland – Summer 2028**
 - i. Faculty: Kim Vandervort
 - f. Florence, Italy – Fall 2028**
 - i. Faculty: Gary Graves and Silvie Grote
 - g. All selected faculty members have accepted their 2028 programs.
- V. **Faculty Proposal Timing Guidelines – Final Review – Michael Mangan**
 - a. The committee discussed whether to formally codify proposal timing guidelines moving forward.
 - b. Mike mentioned that Dani had proposed adding clearer selection criteria to ensure opportunities are distributed across disciplines and faculty, avoiding repeated selection of the same faculty for every yearly application cycle.
 - c. Cynthia Guardado suggested adapting language from the sabbatical application to the student abroad faculty proposal, such as:
 - i. Asking whether the faculty member has previously applied for and/or received approval, including listing applicable study abroad programs.
 - d. Mike will work with Dani to revise the language on the study abroad faculty proposal application.
 - e. Miguel Powers suggested revising the first question on the study abroad faculty proposal application:
 - i. Current wording asking if faculty have led a study abroad program may discourage new applicants.
 - ii. Proposed alternative revision: “Do you have experiencing leading students?”
 - iii. Emphasis on all applications will continue to be evaluated on individual merits.

- f. The committee agreed to draft revisions and finalize edits by early Fall 2026.
 - g. Mike will work with Dani to update the faculty proposal application language and integrate the proposal timing guidelines.
- VI. Paris, France Review – Winter 2026 Program – Justin Campbell**
- a. Mike will reconnect with Justin Campbell to reschedule the Paris program review for the April committee meeting.
- VII. Study Abroad Coordinator Role/Faculty Senate Vote – Michael Mangan**
- a. Mike shared that Angela Henderson resigned from her Study Abroad Coordinator position after being appointed Interim dean for the Natural Science division. Her resignation is effective June 30, 2026.
 - b. The faculty senate will vote on Thursday, March 19 to elect a permanent replacement.
 - c. Mike announced that he is running and provided information on:
 - i. The elected faculty members will serve the remaining two years of Angela’s term that ends June 30, 2028.
 - ii. The position will then be up for election again in Spring 2028.
 - d. Faculty are welcome to provide public comments in support, though participation is optional and appreciated.
- VIII. Study Abroad Committee Updates**
- a. Pamela Dunsmore has completed her term, and her position will be open next fall 2026 for a two-year appointment.
 - b. Mike will reach out to faculty senate to fill Pamela’s faculty position in the committee for next semester.
- IX. Gilman Scholarship Update and Announcements – Michael Mangan**
- a. Mike announced that the NOCCCD Study Abroad Program has been recognized as a top producer of Gilman Scholarship recipients.
 - b. Campus Communications will release a marketing article highlighting this achievement.
 - c. Mike recognized Alyssa Sandoval for being one of the five Fullerton College students who were named as semifinalist for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.
 - d. Alyssa Sandoval a current student representative for the Study Abroad Committee and participated in a study abroad program in Dublin, Ireland during summer 2025.
 - e. The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is a highly competitive scholarship for the nation’s top community college students seeking to complete their bachelor’s degrees at four-year institutions.

Spring 2026 Committee Meetings:

- ~~Thursday, February 12, 2026~~
- ~~Thursday, March 12, 2026~~
- Thursday, April 9, 2026

- Thursday, May 14, 2026

Meeting adjourned on 5:00 pm