

## Senate Enrollment Committee Minutes 4/19/2016

Present: C. Faustman, E. Gorbants, M. Ndiaye, B. Rockwood, S. Wogenstein, S. Martinez, C. Deibler, C. Rivera (for S Ulloa), Y. Rong (guest)

1. Minutes of the 3/22/2016 Enrollment Committee were read and approved.
2. Yuhang Rong (Acting Director, Education Abroad) provided an update of Education Abroad programming at UConn.
  - a. A second search for a new Director has been successful. Sara O’Leary, currently at the International Center at the University of Hartford, will assume Education Abroad Directorship at UConn beginning June 24, 2016.
  - b. A name change occurred from Study Abroad to Education Abroad. The mission of the latter is to support faculty in identifying opportunities for students to live and learn abroad. Education Abroad is a more encompassing moniker; it now includes alternative spring breaks, experiential learning as well as strict academic coursework. Education Abroad also manages the student travel registry.
  - c. Education Abroad is working with the Provost’s Office to set up an emergency response protocol.
  - d. In ’94-95 about 150 UConn students went abroad; now we have about 1,000 students going abroad. Seventy percent of students participating in education abroad are women. UConn is average among peers relative to its student participation rate.
  - e. Approximately 50% students study in Europe; 10% in each of Africa and Asia; 7% in Latin America; 6% in Australia; 3% in Canada
  - f. Three education abroad program types [% of UConn student participation]
    - i. UConn-Administered (program fee, no tuition) [70%]
    - ii. Exchange (specific agreements) [15%]
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Party (independent company based) [13%]
    - iv. Custom [2%]
  - g. Financial Aid. Some programs allow financial aid packages to be applied to education abroad locations. Education Abroad is looking at how to better structure its programs to facilitate application of financial aid.
  - h. Education Abroad is 4-ledger supported and has a structural budget deficit. Financials have been helped the last couple of years by the strong dollar (UConn is billed in the host country’s currency). In the coming year, a new financial model will be developed.
  - i. Among UConn students last year, 36% did Education Abroad in spring term with 18% in fall. Spring Break accounted for about 2%, winter term, 6%, and Summer, 35%.
  - j. Committee members discussed the common observation that more general education course options approved in education abroad locations would be helpful.
  - k. Good advising is key to a successful education abroad effort.
  - l. Access can be a challenge because of costs.