

ACN Meeting: February 17, 2015

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Total: 58

Study Abroad Updates – CIE Study Abroad Staff (Mark Eckman, Yomarie Castellano, Sharon Gosz, Ramona Washington)

- **Center for International Education has 4 units**
 - Academic Programs
 - Global Studies B.A. and Minor
 - International Studies Major/Minor
 - International Certificate Programs
 - International Student & Scholar Services
 - International degree-seeking student advising
 - Visas for all international students and faculty
 - Institute of World Affairs
 - K-16 outreach to schools
 - TV program - Great Decisions
 - Kennan Forum – Distinguished Lecture Series
 - CIE Annual Conference
 - Study Abroad
 - Study Abroad Programs
 - Inter-institutional exchanges
 - Help incoming exchange students
- **Benefits of Study Abroad – High Impact Practice**
 - Higher Retention Rates
 - Higher Graduation Rates
 - Higher Starting Salaries after graduating
 - Higher Rates of Career Placement
 - 90% got into 1st or 2nd choice of graduate school.
- **Types of Study Abroad Programs**
 - Semester and Year Long programs
 - Exchange: send our students abroad and receive their students in exchange. Pay home university tuition (UWM student pay UWM tuition) and living expenses overseas.
 - Study Abroad: programs that allow us to send students abroad without having to balance an exchange. Students pay a comprehensive program fee.

- Non UWM Programs: UWM can't offer programs to every place that students want to study, so students can participate in accredited programs from other providers and institutions.
 - Short Term Programs (UWinter/Summer)
 - Faculty led, school/college led (most popular at UW-Milwaukee)
 - Exchange programs
 - Study Abroad programs
 - International Internships
 - If students are interested in learning more about Study Abroad
 - We offer Study Abroad 101: walk students through programs and steps to take in order to study abroad.
- **Type of Academic Credits students can earn**
 - UWM programs = UWM credit
 - Non-UWM programs = transfer credits
 - Students can't receive credit for Sport and recreation courses taken abroad.
 - Course selection/availability varies by host institutions
 - Students are required to meet with advisor to discuss course selection.
 - Students need to discuss with advisor if this abroad experience will keep them on track.
 - Credits earned overseas can count towards UW-M requirements.
- **Course equivalency Approval Form**
 - Used for both UWM and non-UWM programs
 - Student needs to get syllabus from course and take it to departmental chair or designee for course approval.
 - If students want to ensure credit equivalencies they need to do the leg work.
 - Recommend students do this form prior to abroad experience, but may do this after they return from studying abroad
 - Difficult to get equivalency for GER courses
 - Peace of mind for student and advisor – no surprises at graduation
 - If no form submitted – courses are usually entered as general electives
- **Transcript Processing typically takes 6-8 weeks from time transcript is received**
 - Students are responsible for making sure that the transcript is sent from their host university to CIE Study Abroad Office. Sometimes this can take up to 6 months.
- **Process of Evaluating Transcript**
 - The enrollment specialist will evaluate and post these credits.
- **Steps to Evaluating Transcripts for UWM Sponsored Programs**
 - CIE notifies student by e-mail.
 - Check for Course Equivalency Approval Form
 - Equivalency will not appear on student's transcript
 - CIE Coordinators do Course creation
 - Course creations request send to Registrar's Office
 - Registrar's Office drops student from placeholder and enrolls student in courses
 - CIE sends grade report to Registrar's Office
 - Registrar Office posts grades to PAWS.
 - Grade Conversions: Use the WES grading scale (an international grade conversion guide for higher education)
- **Non-UWM Program transcript processing**

- Transcripts issues by US institutions
 - Student Notified
 - Check for Course Equivalency Approval Form
 - If available send to Registrar's Office
 - Registrar's Office posts coursework and grades (transfer credit) to PAWS, including course equivalencies where applicable.
 - Equivalencies appear on student's transcript
- Transcript issued by foreign institution
 - Student notified
 - Check for Course Equivalency Form
 - Transcript evaluated by CIE ISSS
 - CIE Study Abroad posts coursework and grades (transfer credit) to PAWS including course equivalencies where applicable.
 - Equivalencies appear on student's transcript
- **Application Deadlines:**
 - October 1: Spring Programs
 - October 15: UWinteriM
 - March 1: Fall or Academic Year programs
 - March 15: Summer programs
 - * In some circumstances programs may have early application deadlines
- **Students must turn in Academic Advisor Conference Sheet** (electronic form) for long-term programs and Non-UWM programs
- **What to expect from CIE Study Abroad**
 - One stop shop
 - Program advising and orientation
 - Assistance with applications to host universities or programs
 - Basic academic advising- but refer to advisor for details!
 - Provide medical insurance through CISI
 - Basic financial advising (financial aid for more!)
 - We partner with Gayla Jenkins in Financial Aid for Financing Study Abroad 101 sessions. See our website for dates and times: <http://www4.uwm.edu/cie/studyabroad.cfm>
 - Encouragement
- **Our office also offers passport pictures and assistance with passport application.**
- **Questions: Contact us!**
 - Office location – Pearse 166
 - Office phone: 414-229-5182
 - Office email: overseas@uwm.edu
 - Website: studyabroad.uwm.edu

Lawton Scholars Program: Lawton Then, Now, and Running 'Round - December Lang: Graduate Assistant and Warren Scherer, Inclusive Excellence Center

- **Then:**
 - Money comes from UW System and the goal is to retain the students
 - Targets: American Indian, Black, Latino, Southeast Asian
 - Invite only – students receive an email

- Treated like a grant: funds are just applied, no requirements
- Gave more universities more flexibility to operate campus
- Step 1: Recognize students as achievers and already involved
- Joint program between: IEC and Student Success Center
- Students receive 1.9 million in Lawton money

- **Now**
 - Students have to apply for FAFSA
 - Earn at least 24 credits
 - Enrolled in at least 12 credits during the semester (FT)
 - 2.25 minimum GPA
 - Students have to agree to requirement prior to applying money.
 - Max: Student can receive \$4000 per year.
 - Number of Scholars:
 - Fall 2013: 968
 - Spring 2014: 1014
 - Fall 2014: 880
 - Spring 2015: 969
 - Reason for change in numbers:
 - Students are not completing all of the requirements
 - Need e-portfolio plus 2 other requirements
 - No e-portfolio: they are automatically out
 - Have to complete two of the other awards (mentor meetings, academic advising meetings)
 - Why do some students decline the award?
 - Fall 2014 100 students declined
 - Students who declined were surveyed as to why and overwhelmingly they said that there were too many requirements.
 - What are the requirements?:
 - Complete/Pass Econ 110: Personal Finance (appeal, defer, or complete)
 - Meet with academic advisor at least once per semester and turn form into Union 198
 - For advisors - It is okay to hold students to requirement of meeting with you. They can't just have advisor sign form. If they meet with you at the beginning of the semester and then bring the form later in semester that counts as the meeting.
 - Meeting should take place at least 2-3 weeks before the end of the semester
 - Students track Lawton Progress on D2L
 - Ways to earn points
 - CDC visit: Seniors only (changing to sophomores!)
 - Earn PRIDE points
 - Complete both Map-Works surveys/semester
 - Complete e-Portfolio
 - Scholar Ratio is 1:25
 - How are Lawton Scholars Doing?
 - 2.25 GPA required
 - Median GPA of Lawton Scholars: 3.03

- Average GPA 2.94
- **Are they asking students to Run 'Round?**
 - Talking to the student about what they are already doing and how current activities can count as PRIDE points.
 - They recommend students complete requirements early
- **Future**
 - Programmatic:
 - Have one Graduate Assistant instead of two Gas
 - Have online Orientation instead of In person (money saving)
 - Alphabetical tiered due dates (1 from each PRIDE)
 - Sophomores should attend CDC
 - Early contact with CDC will help students
 - Assessment: Impact the persistence, retention, acquire degree
 - There is still uncertainty as to whether UW-Milwaukee will receive two million in funding from system.
 - Portfolio: Review PRIDE points that they participated

ACN WEBSITE - Gary Cooper-Sperber

- The ACN website will go live shortly. We are waiting for Student Affairs IT.
- The ACN website is a One Stop Shop for ACN

Campus Community Reports

- **Enhancing Advising** – Rebecca Olsen
 - A2S Conference – suggestion was proposed to have an advising leader on campus
 - The purpose of the Advising Coordinator is to provide centralized advising ideas not to offer supervision.
 - Working Group Updates – what we are working on
 - Probation Pilot
 - Student experience consistency
 - Technology
 - Advising competencies
- **Student Success Center** – Colin Daly
 - There was a NSO e-mail sent out this morning to all NSO advisors.
 - The schedule was shortened due to the budget.
 - Further details will be coming soon.
- **Panther Academic Support Services** – Mary Knasinski
 - New satellite office in Northwest Quadrant room 1932
 - April 10 First Friday will be held in NWQ first floor active learning classroom areas and will include the PASS center! Come see the new site!
- **LGBT Resource Center** – Dee Jay Johnson
 - The drag show will be this upcoming Saturday (February 21, 2015) at the Milwaukee Theatre.
 - There will be a great opening number!
- **Registrar's Office** – Testing Center – Sarah Perkins

- The letters to incoming students have been sent out and will begin at the end of Spring Break.
- There are regional testing sites in Chicago and Minneapolis.
 - Additionally, there is an online test for students located throughout the United States.
 - There is a computerized test being offered nationwide that students can take.
 - The cost is \$80-\$100 (depending on tests that students complete).
- Honors College put a hold on students to prevent registration without meeting with an advisor in Honors.
- Over Spring Break the Registrar's Office will be offering training on class permissions.
- **Office of Undergraduate Admission** – Alberto Maldonado
 - Introducing Marilyn Vasquez and Jordan Reichert - out of state recruiters.
 - Update: Applications are up 11% for new freshman and 9% up for admits.
 - OUA is continuing to travel.

Announcements

- **Exploring Majors fair** is Monday, February 23
 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Union Ballroom
- **Military and Veteran's Resource Center (MAVRC)** – Sarah Terry
 - Military Office is now re-opened (after renovation) in the Union Ground Floor (WG99)
 - Now featuring a social lounge and separate quiet study room
 - Kognito Veterans on campus
 - 30-minute online interactive student veterans advocacy training program
 - For Faculty and Staff
 - Reaching out to Schools and Colleges with information about the program and MAVRC's availability for follow up training and support
 - More information will be available through ACN soon!
- **Lubar School of Business** – TJ Jeske
 - Introduction and Welcome New Advisors: Chris Pahl, Jaemi Cummins and Clare Faurote
 - Graduate Intern: Mary Moore-Geissler