

International Education Committee Meeting
Friday, April 22, 2022, 2:00pm

Present: Dawn Gale, Kotoko Grass, Beth Gulley, John Harty, Bruce Harvey, Janette Jaspersen, Nick Mancini, Brooke Roberts, Kitzeln Siebert

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as written.

Travel Grant Application from Kerri Lesh:

Kerri Lesh requested \$1,850 for travel to Spain to prepare for a study abroad program focused on culture in the Basque region.

The committee noted that some parts of the proposal were incongruent with current college policy on alcohol and that other parts seemed focused on non-student travelers. Kerri has extensive travel experience in that region, and the committee questioned whether this travel was needed to enhance the study abroad program. The committee voted not to fund the application. It asked Brooke Roberts to meet with Kerri to explain the committee's decision.

Travel Grant Application from Eric Elisabeth:

Eric Elisabeth requested \$900 for his research travel to Senegal in June. This travel is required by Eric's participation in the UISFL grant. He is receiving \$4,000 from the UISFL grant, but his expenses are higher than that.

The committee approved this application without discussion.

Travel Grant Applications from Erik Meixelsperger and Aubrey Urban

Erik Meixelsperger and Aubrey Urban each requested \$2,500 to travel to London to prepare a study abroad program for theatre students.

The committee noted that the theatre program has not previously sponsored a study abroad program, and that Erik and Aubrey plan for this to be a recurring program.

The committee voted to approve both applications with the request that as much funding as possible be spent in the current fiscal year.

UISFL Grant Curricular Submissions from Cohort II

The committee received and reviewed in advance the curricular submissions from the second cohort of the UISFL grant. This grant provides training and funding for two cohorts of eight STEM faculty to add international content to one of their courses. Cohort II has completed all the required workshops and has submitted their curricular modifications.

The committee approved all the curricular submissions.

Addendum:

Following this meeting (the final meeting of the semester), the committee received a travel grant application from Mark Swails for \$992.00 to offset additional expenses for his travel to Norway in June. Mark has been selected to participate in the summer 2022 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program "Typically Atypical: Understanding Modern Norway."

Because of the prestige to the college of having a librarian selected for a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program, and because the Fulbright-Hays acceptance decisions came out late, the committee took an electronic vote on this application. Full funding was approved.