

International Education Committee Meeting
Friday, September 17, 2021, 2:00pm

Present: James Byrnes, Richard Fleming, Dawn Gale, Kotoko Grass, Beth Gulley, John Harty, Janette Jasperson (chair), Nick Mancini, Dan Owens, Kitzeln Siebert

Absent: Bruce Harvey, Mindy Ritter

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as written.

Travel Grant Applications from Kathryn Grube and Cherie Leiker:

The travel grant applications from Kathryn Grube and Cherie Leiker were considered together as they were for a joint trip to Italy in summer 2022 to prepare a study abroad program for interior design students. Although Italy is currently at a US Department of State travel advisory level 3, the college allows faculty/staff to travel to countries of this level if they sign the college's waiver form.

The travel grant applications met the committee's criteria for funding. Consequently, the committee approved the full \$2,500 request for each faculty. The committee also directed the International Education Office to recommend to the two faculty that when they plan the actual study abroad trip, they consider reducing the number of cities visited and the per diem expense in order to make the trip more affordable for students.

Updates from International Education:

Janette updated the committee about what is happening in International Education, beginning with how the college is currently making international travel decisions. She mentioned upcoming events sponsored by International Education, including the Peacebuilding Conference and this fall's Explore the World series. In addition, the UISFL grant's workshops for Cohort II will begin in October. In other internationalization efforts, 119 students and four faculty members are currently involved with virtual exchanges. Committee members who are doing or have done virtual exchanges then briefly discussed their projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.