

International Education / International WTE Committee

November 22, 2019, 4-5 pm, International House

In attendance: Maria Stover, Seid Adem, Liviu Florea, Lindsey Ibanez, Miguel Gonzalez-Abellas, and Baili Zhang; regrets: Lori McMillan, Zach Frank, Crystal Stevens/Lara Rivera

Minutes Approval

October 10 meeting minutes approved.

Reports

Zhang reported on the following:

The Chiba University of Commerce students would finish their program and head home on Dec. 8.

Celebration of Cultures was a success under the new format.

Gonzalez reported that the Chile Program had to be changed to the Dominican Republic due to social unrest in Chile.

Approval

Pam Schmidt's funding request to present a paper in Athens, Greece, was approved for \$1,300 pending final approval of the paper

Discussion

Zhang introduced Ms. Williams, Study Abroad Program Coordinator, who presented on the need to re-evaluate programs heading to countries that are consistently on various travel alert / warning lists. Currently, if the program is canceled after the scholarships are awarded and deposits paid, students and the university often have to incur financial losses on top of additional logistics support. A possible suggestion is to establish guidelines for such programs to go through additional approval process and risk assessment far ahead of the travel time. Meanwhile, suggested guidelines will be created for the committee to discuss in future meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Baili Zhang