

OVERSEAS STUDIES PANEL

MINUTES

January 23, 2006

1:00 – 3:00 pm

TSC 203

I. MINUTES OF 12/12/05 OSP MEETING

- **APPROVED.**

NEW SEMESTER/YEAR PROGRAMS

II. ANNENBERG SCHOOL FOR COMMUNICATION: COMMUNICATION

Req. by Tom Hollihan

Add 2 new semester programs

Eff. Fall 2006

- **NOTE:** Annenberg had two new programs approved in Fall 2005, one from Australia and one from New Zealand. They wish to have more than one program in each of the countries in order to provide students with a choice between schools offering different study options, and to avoid a 'USC ghetto,' which could lead to a more insular, less immersive, experience. The catalogue copy need not include the number of units that students will earn, so that information will be removed. It should include the fact that it is a semester-long program.

A. **Semester in Sydney, Australia: Macquarie University** [12-16 program]

- **APPROVED, with one abstention** from a faculty member from the Annenberg School.

B. **Semester in Auckland, New Zealand: Auckland University of Technology (AUT)** [12-16 unit program]

- **APPROVED, with one abstention** from a faculty member from the Annenberg School.

III. LAS: OVERSEAS STUDIES, EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES and EAST ASIAN STUDIES CENTER

Req. by Audrey Li

Add a new semester and year program:

Eff. Fall 2006

Spring semester or year at Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan (CIEE) [17 units per semester; 33 units per year]

- **APPROVED.** The program at Waseda University in Tokyo used to be part of a consortium (CALPUC), that consisted of USC and some other schools such as Pomona, which folded due in part to overall lessening of interest on the part of the associated schools. The Overseas Studies Office wished to establish a program for students to go to a program in Tokyo as independent students, and this one at Sophia University, as part of CIEE, is viewed as the most fitting. Students need to have completed two semesters of Japanese (or the equivalent) in advance of the program. In the past, the Waseda home stays were problematic due to the long

commute and lack of space. The dorms are not always a measureably better alternative, because they are non-university owned and they have no RAs or floor advisors, and a mix of students from different institutions. The same challenges exist for this program. Students interested in participating are advised about these challenges in advance.

Members present

Yehuda Ben-Zion
Steve Bucher
Roberto Diaz
Frances M. Fitzgerald (*support staff*)
Stacy Geck
Peter Hilton, OSO
Thomas Hollihan (*chair*)
Erin Quinn
Edwenna Werner (*for Dean Servis*)

Members absent

Eugene Bickers (*ex-officio*)
Elizabeth Garrett *ex-officio*)
David Glasgow (*ex-officio*)
Kenneth Servis (*ex-officio*)
Kristen Taylor (*student*)
Peter Starr (*ex-officio*)

Guests

Thomas Hollihan, Chair
Overseas Studies Panel

Date