

**USG Study Abroad Committee
September 14, 2007 Meeting
Macon State College**

Attendance:

Workshop Topics – Tracy Harrington notes alcohol consumption in foreign settings needs to be addressed along with cultural differences and what is appropriate to that culture. With regards to establishing limits, orientation for students to remind them of cultural differences is very important. Liz Harvery suggests Academic Integrity and Semester and Summer Programs as a workshop topic. Other topics suggested include transient status, how HOPE credits are applied, and professionalization so that each campus can have a study abroad office.

Two-Year Institutions—Dlynn Armstrong proposes a sub-committee for two year institutions. This committee will submit a summary of concerns. Since many of the concerns between two year institutions and small four-year colleges are similar, these may be able to assist one another. Ulf Kirchdorfer is appointed head of the committee. It's members include: Tracy Harrington, Bryan Ray, Jill Schultz, and Megan Powell.

Third Party Providers—Committee asked to be aware of all programs offered by respective institution. Universities must know the location of students studying abroad so that there is minimal confusion in communication with parents, academic departments, presidents, etc.

Cadet Language Programs—Dr. Armstrong-Williams notes NGCSU is the military college of Georgia and is actively pursuing participation in the ROTC Language Project. Hopefully NGSCU will be a conduit for cadets to study abroad. Partnerships between the GA National Guard and the Republic Georgia as well as an African country is developing, Armstrong-Williams will keep the committee informed.

The committee also had a brief discussion about the usefulness of the STARS brochure and other forms of advertising for study abroad programs.

Adjournment: 1:30pm