

ACADEMIC AND PROGRAM AFFAIRS ANNUAL REPORT

AY 2020-2021

The Academic and Program Affairs Committee had a very productive and meaningful academic year in 20-21, and we continue to do the same in 21-22.

Part of the work of the committee involves continually helping to maintain the highest quality and most timely new courses. We approved modification to sixteen programs in the 2021-22 academic year. Our work here well represents the ways the School for International Training can quickly respond to massive change without forgoing our mission, all while maintaining an eye to the future. For instance, we modified many programs from immersive, in-country learning experiences to hybrid experiences that allowed for online content. In addition, we coordinated some minor maintenance on other programs, codifying what our program staff and faculty have learned in the process of running the program. We are particularly proud of the work we are doing with Brattleboro Union High School; with our cooperation students in a relatively rural area can enjoy a world-class, global education component.

Our new programs reflect the reality of living in the Covid era. We developed several summer programs as well as some online options for virtual work. While this was prompted by the need to supplement our portfolio in light of the global pandemic, what we have achieved is much more substantial. We are now able to offer shorter, more affordable alternatives for students whose circumstances are not conducive to entire semesters abroad. These more accessible programs also reflect our core social justice values. Programs on climate change, food security, development, and human trafficking speak directly to the most pressing issues engaging humanity right now. Likewise, the new summer Arts Studio in Prague helps us foster optimistic creative responses to the universal human condition.

Approved Proposals for new Academic Programs

Undergraduate Study Abroad	Czech Republic: Arts Studio in Creative Writing, Contemporary Dance & Photography (6-credit summer program)	August 2020
Undergraduate Study Abroad	Jordan: Climate Change Internship (8-credit summer program)	August 2020
Undergraduate Study Abroad	Argentina: Epidemiology and Healthcare Management (6-credit summer program)	September 2020
Undergraduate Study Abroad	Netherlands: Human Trafficking, Sex Trade, and Modern Slavery in Europe (6-credit summer program)	September 2020
Undergraduate Study Abroad	Serbia: Transitional Justice, Human Rights, and Memory Activism Internship (6-credit summer program)	September 2020

Undergraduate Study Abroad	Switzerland: Global Health and Development Policy (6-credit summer program)	September 2020
Undergraduate Study Abroad	Italy: Food Security and Nutrition (6-credit summer program)	September 2020
Undergraduate Study Abroad	Syllabi templates for virtual internships (4-credit semester and 5-credit summer)	September 2020
Undergraduate Study Abroad	Spain: Sustainable Urban Development and Social Justice (6-credit summer program)	September 2020
Undergraduate Study Abroad	Senegal: Hip-Hop, Resilience, and Black Struggles (6-credit summer program)	September 2020
Undergraduate Study Abroad	Rwanda and Uganda: Post-Genocide Restoration, Development, and Peace Building (16-credit semester program)	December 2020
Graduate Institute	MA in Social Justice and Advocacy (Full-time)	June 2021

Approved Proposals for modification to Academic Programs

Dual Enrollment Program Brattleboro Union High School	Law and American Society syllabus modification	August 2020
Graduate Institute	TESOL Certificate syllabi modification	August 2020
Graduate Institute	MA in Intercultural Service, Leadership, and Management syllabi modifications	August 2020
Graduate Institute	MA in Humanitarian Assistance & Crisis Management (modified to Part-Time Hybrid)	September 2020
Graduate Institute	Ma in Global Leadership and Social Innovation (modified to Part-Time Hybrid)	September 2020
Undergraduate Study Abroad	Ghana: Globalization, Cultural Legacies, and the Afro-Chic – program title and syllabi modifications	September 2020
Graduate Institute	MA in Global Health - redesign and syllabi modifications	December 2020
Graduate Institute	MA in Diplomacy & International Relations - course modification	February 2021
Graduate Institute	MA in TESOL - syllabi modification	February 2021

Undergraduate Study Abroad	Malaysia: International Relations and New Economies - program title modification	February 2021
Graduate Institute	MA in Peace & Justice Leadership - modifications to syllabi and course sequence	March 2021
Graduate Institute	MA in Sustainable Development (Part-time Hybrid) - program modifications	March 2021
Graduate Institute	MA in Intercultural Service, Leadership, and Management - course modifications	March 2021
Graduate Institute	MA and Graduate Certificate in International Education (part-time hybrid) - course modifications	March 2021
Graduate Institute	MA in Sustainable Development (Part-time Hybrid) - program modifications	April 2021
Graduate Institute	MA in Diplomacy & International Relations - course sequence modification	May 2021
Graduate Institute	EdD in Global Education - Research Methods syllabus update	June 2021

Other Proposals Reviewed and Approved by the APA

Graduate Institute	EdD in Global Education - transfer credits policy modification	September 2020
Graduate Institute	Graduate Institute syllabus template modification	March 2021

Schedule

The Academic and Program Affairs Committee (APA) of the Faculty Senate met eight times during the 2020-2021 academic year. APA meetings are scheduled on the second Wednesday of every month except July. The January, October, and November meetings were cancelled due to lack of submissions requiring discussion.

Members

Voting Members: Raed al Tabini, Jana Byars, Kwabena Opoku-Agyemang, Sora Friedman (Chair 2020-2021)

Non-voting Members: Ginny Nellis, Cheikh Thiam, Blake Hart, Michael Zoll, Mary Kay Sigda

Administrative Support: Cynthia Rebelo