MEMO

January 25, 2013

TO: Dr. Russell Howell, Chair
    Academic Senate

FROM: Bill Wright

RE: 2011-12 OCP Annual Report to the Academic Senate

Membership. 2011-12 committee members were Bruce Fisk, Steve Julio, Glenn Town, Wendy Wright (representing the Registrar’s Office) and Bill Wright (chair). Non-member Barb Pointer attended meetings and functioned as committee secretary.

Programs.
1. Westmont in Jerusalem. The committee reviewed and approved the curriculum and itinerary submitted by Bruce Fisk and Tom Fikes for spring 2013.
3. Affiliate programs dropped. The Modern Language Dept requested the de-listing of four programs currently approved for Spanish majors and minors (University of Kansas program; USAC programs in Bilbao and San Sebastian; BCA program in Barcelona). Action taken – approved.
4. Bethel University NYCAMS program in NYC. The NYCAMS program is already approved for Art majors and minors. The English Dept wants their students to be able to attend the program also. Approved.
5. Mayterm 2013 programs. The committee approved the following Mayterm programs:
   Berky – Human Trafficking program in Thailand & Cambodia
   Delaney & Thomas – London Theatre
   Farhadian – India
   Milner – Kinesiology program in Costa Rica
   Noell – Economic Development in Modern China
   Shasberger & Lee – Music & Theology in Reformation Europe
(Update: Of the programs approved, only the Berky and Delaney/Thomas programs will operate)
**Policy Issues.**
1. A situation arose on WIM in which the ultimate authority of the faculty to set standards of student conduct and behavior was questioned by a student. As a result, the committee approved adding the following statement to the Assumption of Risk and Participation Agreement signed by all students. *In the event that the Program director, in his or her exclusive discretion, should determine that my conduct or academic performance is detrimental to the Program or to other participants, the director may terminate my participation in this Program.*
2. Currently, students must submit a petition to the Senate Review Committee if they want to enroll in two off-campus programs in consecutive semesters. Since this is understood to be an academic policy under the prevue of the Senate, the committee passed a resolution to forward to the Senate removing the need for a student petition in situations where the consecutive programs are both staffed by Westmont faculty. The request for Senate consideration was forwarded to the chair of the Senate.

**Topics of general business and discussion.**
1. Student safety. As a result of concern over events transpiring in Egypt during the spring of 2011, the Westmont in Istanbul program and the Sacred Pilgrimage Mayterm program were required to change their itineraries dropping the Egypt portion of the programs.
2. A report by Jim Wright titled Westmont Global Initiative was distributed.