Principles Used In Working with Westmont Sponsored (but not operated) Off Campus Programs

Reasons to consider dropping an approved program:
1. No student has attended the program for 3 or more years.
2. The department that originally requested the program has withdrawn support.
3. Consistently negative student evaluations by attendees.
4. Significant and consistent administrative problems with the sponsoring institution.
5. Evidence the program quality fails to meet minimum expectations.
6. Student safety is at risk.
7. The rationale for originally approving the program no longer applies.
8. Program has changed significantly from the time it was approved.

Reasons to approve a new program:
1. An academic department at Westmont requests it for their students.
2. Distinctive curriculum unlike what is available through existing programs.
3. Program exists in a region of the world where there are few or no approved programs.
4. Evidence of quality.
5. The program is operated by the CCCU or a CCC institution.
6. Program coherence integrating mission, travel and curriculum.

Additional considerations:
1. Are the faith values and commitments expressed by the sponsoring institution consistent with Westmont’s?  
   (a) Relevancy for major-specific programs? The OCP Committee has a long tradition of approving major-specific programs recommended by an academic department irrespective of the theological position (or absence of a faith position) of the sponsoring institution.  
   (b) Relevancy for general student population programs? The OCP Committee has also affirmed several times in the past two decades that non-major specific programs are normally approved only from faith-based institutions.
2. Price.

Program quality will be assessed by:
1. Student evaluations.
2. Review of grades assigned by program.
3. Review of course syllabi.
4. Impressions of faculty from interactions with prior attendees.
5. Information received from other colleges who send students to the program.