Report on the Subcommittee on the European Center at Talloires
Tufts in Talloires 2015

Subcommittee on European Center at Talloires
Membership, 2014-2015 Term: five years

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This year, any Subcommittee member interested in proposing a course was asked to withdraw from the Subcommittee. Concerned members were asked to provide a replacement person for the committee to review and make recommendations on the course proposals. Only one Subcommittee member was affected.

Course proposals for the 2015 Tufts in Talloires Program were solicited in several ways:

- Flyers were sent by email to all AS&E Department Managers with a request that they be distributed to faculty and/or posted in common areas posting,
- Email announcements were sent out to all AS&E Faculty by the Secretary of the Faculty
- In August of 2015, the Director of the European Center returned to Boston and held two open information meetings for Faculty interested in proposing a course for Tufts in Talloires. There were a total of 11 faculty who attended these information meetings.

Course proposals and department approval forms were due to the Director of the European Center on October 15, 2014. There were 21 course proposals submitted for consideration from the following departments (including multiple proposals from several departments):

- Biology
- Classics
- Economics
- Education
- English
- Entrepreneurial Leadership Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Fine Arts
- French
- History
- Music
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Sociology
Proposals were made available to the Subcommittee members via Tufts Box along with a set of guidelines to use to evaluate each of the proposals. Guiding questions for the review of each proposal include:

- Is the proposal well prepared and comprehensive, with detailed lists of assignments and readings?
- Does the course show a relationship with the area? Is it a good match for Talloires?
- Is the course syllabus appropriate for a six week-condensed summer semester?
- Is the work load reasonable (mindful of technology limitations?)
- Is it a course that will work for all students, including A&S and Engineering students?
- Is it a course that will work for all levels of students? (e.g., those entering second year, third year, and fourth year)?
- Are there prerequisites that might have an impact on the enrollment?
- Are the methods for evaluating students and their work appropriate?

The Subcommittee met on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 in the Conference Room in Miller Hall to discuss the proposals. Members were then asked to vote to Highly Recommend, Recommend or Not Recommend each of the proposals. As a result of the vote, six of the 21 proposals were eliminated from consideration.

The 15 course proposals that were recommended for consideration via a majority vote were then put forward to the second committee for the final selection process. The selection committee, made up of the Subcommittee Chair, the Director of the European Center, the Director of Summer Session took the following factors into consideration in deciding the final list of summer offerings at Talloires including:

1. selecting courses that will be well-enrolled, and that will therefore generate sufficient tuition to support the summer program;
2. selecting courses that relate to the surrounding region of Talloires;
3. offering a group of courses that provide a variety of disciplinary and topical areas that will be attractive to students,
4. making an effort to provide opportunities for first time Talloires faculty

The final slate of courses for Tufts in Talloires 2015 included the following 11 courses:

**BIO 196-01 PIERCE, Corinne**  (First Time Talloires Faculty)
Biology of Historical and Contemporary Infectious Diseases in France and the World

**CLS 186 HITCHNER, Bruce**
Gauls, Greeks, and Romans and the Shaping of French Identity

**EC 91-04 MASTERS, William**  (First Time Talloires Faculty)
Food Economics: From Farm to Fork around the World

**ENG 10 ULLMAN, Michael**
Non Fiction Writing

**ENV 105 ELLMORE, George**
Flowers of the Alps

**FR 21FR 22 TAIEB, ANNE**
Communication, Culture, et Couleur Locale

**FR 32/FR 191 GASARIAN, Gérard**
Readings on Alpine Nature in French Literature
Of the eleven courses selected, four were new to Talloires and four of the faculty were new to the Tufts in Talloires Program. The repeat courses in the list had all demonstrated strong success in previous years: high enrollments and positive student evaluations.