Annual Report of the Subcommittee on Foreign Programs (EPC) for 2013-14

This subcommittee of EPC oversees the study abroad options available to our students, in non-Tufts programs as well as the ones that we sponsor. We review the approved list of non-Tufts programs, adding to or deleting from that list when appropriate. We also vote on student petitions to attend programs that we have not yet approved, relying on extensive research by the Foreign Study Advisor Brian Libby of the Programs Abroad office, who summarizes the issues for us. Our criteria include a minimum of thirteen weeks of academic study, a final transcript issued by an accredited, degree-granting institution, and (with a couple of recent exceptions) a program based in a single country, in order to maximize cultural immersion.

This past year we met four times, on October 4, December 4, March 12, and April 24. Much of our business was routine, though we heard about and discussed the repercussions on foreign programs of unrest in the Middle East, and about new possibilities for approved programs in Turkey and elsewhere. More and more undergraduates seem to opt for one-semester rather than full-year programs; and our introduction of such a possibility in the United Kingdom, as part of our new association with Royal Holloway College, promises to be a great success.

In 2013-14, our ten Tufts programs enrolled 191 students, for either one semester or the full year, and another 358 students enrolled in non-Tufts programs, usually for one semester. (The numbers for 2012-13 were 193 and 356.)

We note with regret the departure of Stephanie Simpson-White, the administrative assistant for the past several years, and the retirement of Teresa Howe, who has served on this committee with distinction for many years over the course of her tenure at Tufts.

Respectfully submitted,

John Fyler, Chair
Professor of English

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