

**Provost's Advisory Council
Summary of April 30, 2015 Meeting**

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Min Song
Anthony Annunziato
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Samuel Graves
Devin Pendas
Marie Boltz
Danny Willis
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Laura O'Dwyer
Catherine Mooney
Theresa O'Keefe
Daniel Chambers
Joseph Jiang, S.J.
Rev. James Burns
Vincent Rougeau
Gregory Kalscheur, S.J.

Thomas Wall
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A student Council member added that it would be helpful to find out what courses students will be taking while abroad sooner rather than later, as that could help in getting approval. Some students do not know the courses they will be enrolled in until right before they leave, and they receive the syllabus after they arrive. This makes it too difficult for them to get the courses approved by BC in advance. Nick agreed that this was a source of anxiety for students. Instead of using provider programs, OIP uses a direct immersion model where students are sent directly to the host university. Many of these universities do not post courses and syllabi in advance. However, most of the universities teach the same courses each spring and fall, so OIP can help students predict what courses and credits to expect.

David Quigley asked Nick about his future plans for faculty seminars abroad. OIP has been working more with faculty to design programs. The first faculty seminar will take place in June; 8 faculty members will spend 10 days in Turkey with speakers and meetings at a host institution. The expectation is that these faculty will integrate something from this trip into their courses or research interests. In the future, Nick hopes to hold similar programs in Chile and the Gulf region in order to talk about politics and environmental concerns. He'd like to target mid-career faculty who would be energized to continue working with study abroad programs.

3. Update on the Office of Event Management—Jason McClellan, Director

Jason provided an overview of the operational efficiency study several ye

conducted by email at the end of May. David said we will continue to meet in the same space in Fulton for next year, but please let him know if you would prefer to change the time of the meetings.

David Quigley and Pat DeLeeuw thanked those faculty whose terms on the PAC are expiring: Cy Opeil, Tony Annunziato, Jim Bretzke, Theresa O'Keefe, Danny Willis, Jim Gips, and Betty Blythe. Joining the PAC for next year will be: Judy Clair, Bill Kane, Bill Fehder, and Marcie