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SUBJ: May 5, 2010 Curriculum Committee Meeting
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AGENDA

The seventh and final meeting of the University Curriculum Committee for the academic year 2009-2010 will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 3:15 PM in Vance 105. Copies of each proposal can be viewed on the committee website (http://www.ccsu.edu/curriculum; go to Current Course or Program Submissions, or alternately, call up this month’s agenda under Agendas, and click the appropriate hyperlinks) or via the hyperlinks on this copy of this agenda.

C. The following proposal for a credit-bearing study abroad experience to count towards fulfillment of the [I] designation requirement has been brought forth by the Director of the Center for International Education and has been endorsed by the International and Area Studies Committee. Dean endorsements are pending but must be received by the main meeting on May 5. The crucial language is highlighted in red. [EDPS] [BUS] [AS] [TECH] [GE] [Main]

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The CIE and the Internationalization Laboratory, working with the support of all 4 Deans and the unanimous support of the International Studies Committee, has prepared the following motion that, if approved by the Faculty Senate this semester, would expand the scope of the International course requirement to include all credit-bearing study abroad experiences. The single-sentence motion is highlighted below:

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In crafting the motion, we reviewed issues such as
- Courses that would transfer in – according to the motion -- but would not *per se* be international in content
- Matriculated international students who might petition to transfer credits earned at their prior overseas university
- CCSU students who might earn approved credit for study at overseas programs that are not CCSU-sponsored

The resulting motion addresses all of these issues and, most importantly, will do much to promote and support Study Abroad by our students – a distinctive goal of CCSU – and eliminate the current anomaly: students who return from study abroad and learn they must still enroll in “international” courses.

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