

## **GLC Meeting Notes**

**10/23/2020**

Attendees: Sue Mach, Kerrie Hughes, Ernesto Hernandez, Martha Baily, Jennifer Bown, Michael Patterson, Melissa Padron, Eric Lee

### **Eric Lee Presentation**

Eric Lee gave a presentation about his trip to Spain two years ago during his sabbatical. He overviewed of all the sites he visited and discussed the various providers that were showcased during his stay. He also talked about how providers are willing to customize trips to fit the needs of various groups. We would like to make Eric an honorary member of our committee.

### **Update on FRANCE Trip**

Ernesto and Kerrie haven't officially cancelled the FRANCE trip for this summer, but since France is currently on lockdown, and the provider is not responding, it's likely that the trip will be postponed until Summer 2022. (That seems like such a long time from now. . .)

### **Membership Update**

After we add Abe Fouhy back to the committee list, I think it will be up to date. We need to connect with ASG to get a student rep. to attend our meetings and provide input. We still need to remove "draft" from our charter.

### **Website and Committee Page Update**

Kerrie gave us an update on our committee website—it's a work in progress. She has also made a checklist for study abroad organizers. I think we can format this to go into the handbook. Finally, she has compiled a list of scholarship opportunities for students. I am attaching it with these notes.

### **Forum on Education Abroad**

We all agreed that we would like to renew our membership. I spoke to David Plotkin last week and told him of our decision. He is going to speak to Jeff Schaffer about funds.

### **The Goals we Decided Upon**

Below are the goals we officially decided to pursue this year:

1. Explore options for virtual exchanges.
2. Apply for Innovation Grant funds to pay for virtual exchange opportunities.
3. Investigate the idea of creating a centralized account where students can deposit payments for study abroad trips.
4. Research fundraising opportunities with the CCC Foundation.
5. Build/update website.
6. Work toward the long-term goal of establishing a part-time study abroad coordinator.
7. Update handbook, emergency, and protocol documents.
8. Obtain final approval of ISP documentation.
9. Establish a list of approved providers.

### **Martha and PCC**

Martha Bailey discussed what's happening with PCC Study Abroad. They are also exploring virtual exchanges. She will keep us up to date on the progress, and we can steal ideas from them.

