

# **Senate of College Councils Policy Briefing**

## **S.R. 1107 – In Support of Adding Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs to Tenure Considerations**

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<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Currently, there is a high demand of faculty-led study abroad programs. These programs foster student-faculty interactions and allow for valuable educational experience outside the classroom.</li></ul>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ To increase the number of faculty-led study abroad programs through incentivizing faculty to participate.</li><li>➤ Adding faculty-led study abroad programs in the consideration of tenure candidates.</li></ul>
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Faculty-led study abroad programs have many benefits for students and the university such as; increasing graduation rate, augmenting faculty-student interactions, and providing students the opportunity to explore other cultures.</li><li>➤ Faculty-led programs are in high demand by university students.</li><li>➤ By adding faculty-led study abroad programs in the tenure consideration guidelines we hope to increase the number of study abroad programs.</li></ul>
<b>WHEREAS SUMMARY</b>	
Lines 7-16	Study abroad is integral to the variety of opportunities at UT and is not detrimental to a student's four year graduation rate.
Lines 18-39	Define faculty-led study abroad programs and discuss why they attractive options for study abroad to students.
Lines 41- 61	Define tenure and describe the Tenured and Tenure Track General Guidelines document.

<b>RESOLVED SUMMARY</b>	
Lines 63-79	Faculty-led study abroad programs should be considered, but not mandated, under the "TEACHING" subheading of the Tenured and Tenure Track General Guidelines to incentivize more faculty to participate in these programs. This will lead to an increase in the number of faculty-led study abroad opportunities for students.
<b>SENT TO</b>	The Faculty Council, the University Budget Council, the Study Abroad Office, the Office of Vice President and Provost, Director of the Study Abroad Office Heather Hamir, Assistant Director of the Study Abroad Office Heather Thompson, Vice Provost Gretchen Ritter, Vice Provost for Higher Education Policy and Research Harrison Keller, Vice Provost Janet Ellzey, Chair of the Faculty Council Alan Friedman, and all college and school department chairs.
<b>NEXT STEPS IF PASSED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Follow up meeting with Carisa Nietzsche and Emily Van Duyn to set up meeting with Faculty Council</li> <li>➤ Preparation of proposal for Faculty Proposal</li> <li>➤ Communication of resources available to interested faculty.</li> </ul>
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