

Santa Monica College Global Citizenship Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time, June 1, 2023 12:45 pm – 2:05 pm

Location: Zoom Conference Meeting

Chair: Delphine Broccard, Chair

Attendees: Delphine Broccard, Denise Kinsella, Heather Bennett, Carol Davis, Rostom Sarkissian, Pete Morris, Taneka Washington, Lauren Movius, Keith Hawkey, Catherine Weir, Claudia Henriquez.

I. Call to Order: 12:45 pm.

II. Public Comments and Announcements

- a. Delphine Broccard and Christyanne Melendez along with Denise Kinsella held a pre-departure orientation on Zoom for the upcoming study abroad trip to Costa Rica. During the hour and a half meeting, they introduced the 1-unit course syllabus and spoke about travels dos & don'ts along with safety tips. Additionally, Allison Brown spoke about mental health and Lisa Winter talked about Title IX.
- b. Delphine updated the GC members regarding Professor Hari Vishwanadha's fall teach-in idea on news media. She informed the Committee that she had reached out to her journalism colleagues for a professional opinion. Delphine also shared her email correspondence with Hari and Associated Students. Until further notice, the Committee intends on planning its own teach-in.

III. Approval of Minutes: May 18, 2023

Motion to approve Lauren Movius. Second: Taneka Washington. Approved: Delphine Broccard, Heather Bennett, Carol Davis, Pete Morris, Rostom Sarkissian, Catherine Weir, Denise Kinsella.

IV. Standing Business

a. Question of the day

What are your plans for the summer?

b. Global Grants Review

The committee received 7 Global Grant proposals for Fall 2023. The grants were reviewed by the Committee.

- i. *Esto no Tiene Nombre: A One Women Show by Denice Frohman- Delphine Broccard, Communication & Media Studies*

Proposal for \$3,000: Esto No Tiene Nombre is a new poetic and sonic work that uplifts the oral histories of Latina lesbian elders and women over 50 to trace lineages of love, desire, and identity. Guided by these first-person stories, Denice Frohman embraces a powerful living history to chart a path of belonging for the future. The committee approved \$3,000 for this proposal. Motion: Kinsella. Second: Morris. Approval: Unanimous

- ii. *Communists, Criminals, and Caravans: Central Americans Seeking Refuge in the United States- Alejandro Lee, Modern Languages and Cultures*
 Proposal for \$500: The speaker, Dr. Leisy Ábrego, has agreed to deliver a talk, meet with students after the talk and visit classes. She has provided the following description of her talk: “Over the past decade, hundreds of thousands of Central Americans have left their homes in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua to seek refuge in the United States. What is propelling their mass exodus and why should people in the US care? This talk will highlight the political and social context of US-Central American relations from the 1980s to the present to better understand how US foreign policies centrally produce refugees from this region while at the same time, US immigration policies criminalize them. Despite these challenges, Central American immigrants have organized and resisted in myriad ways as they have made a home in the US.” The committee approved \$500 for this proposal. Motion: Kinsella. Second: Morris. Approval: Unanimous
- iii. *Manzanar, diverted: When Water Becomes Dust- Alejandro Lee, Modern Languages and Cultures*
 Proposal for \$1,449: Ann Kaneko will screen her award-winning documentary, *Manzanar, diverted: When Water Becomes Dust*, at SMC in September, Environmental Awareness Month. The documentary can be shown either on campus, or it can be available beforehand and seen for 48 hours before the Ms. Kaneko’s visit to the SMC campus. She will discuss the intricate history that links Los Angeles to the Owens Valley and how the need for water has made a negative impact in the area and the residents who are Native Americans. The committee approved \$849 for this proposal (film license & speaker honorarium). Motion: Kinsella. Second: Morris. Approval: Unanimous
- iv. *Cosmovision Indigena- Alejandro Lee, Modern Languages and Cultures*
 Proposal for \$2,500: A well-known Zapotec artist and activist from Oaxaca and resident of Ventura, Maestro Porfirio Gutierrez will deliver a talk on “Indigenous Cosmovision: the intersections of indigenous knowledge and contemporary art.” Maestro Porfirio begins his talks in Zapotec language, which helps to highlight the UNESCO Decade of the Indigenous Languages (2022-32). The committee approved \$1,500 for this proposal (speaker honorarium). Motion: Kinsella. Second: Locke. Approval: Unanimous
- v. *Literary Series- Hari Vishwanadha, English Department*
 Proposal for \$1,000 (\$500 for each author): Now in its 23rd year, the Literary Series features fascinating authors from far and wide who read from and discuss their work with our students. In Fall 2023, two authors, Nigerian author Leye Adenle and Swedish author Mari Jungstedt are expected to participate in the Literary Series—on Zoom. Adenle currently resides in London and Jungstedt in Stockholm. The committee approved \$1,000 for this proposal. Motion: Kinsella. Second: Locke. Approval: Unanimous

vi. *Refugees on the Myanmar- Thailand Border in the pandemic- Poy Yamda, Health Sciences*

Proposal for \$3,000: I will lead a group of 1-3 SMC nursing students to participate in data analysis of Refugees on the Myanmar-Thailand Border in the COVID-19 pandemic in collaboration with Dr. Weiti Chen at UCLA School of Nursing. Students will learn and conduct data analysis for possible publication. The committee did not approved proposal. Motion: Kinsella. Second: Locke. Approval: Unanimous

vii. *TiLT: Transformations in Learning and Training- Elham Gheytauchi, Philosophy and Social Sciences*

Proposal for \$2,500: Professor Anne Holohan from Trinity College in Ireland will present her work in TiLT which is about transforming teaching and learning in the age of Artificial Intelligence and Digital tools. The committee did not approve proposal. Motion: Kinsella. Second: Morris. Approval: Unanimous

The Committee also discussed revisiting the guidelines for global grants in the fall, such as payments for presenters in-person and those through Zoom.

c. Faculty Survey Results

The discussion about faculty survey results is ongoing. Some of the highlights include:

- **Revisiting the Plus One policy.** Since Senior Staff rejected the Committee's Plus One agreement (policy outlining the accompaniment of faculty partner and/or children on study abroad trips), Delphine intends to research how other community colleges in SoCal handle faculty partner and/or children traveling alongside faculty during study abroad trips.
- **Study Abroad Trips for 2023-2024.** The Committee discussed the number of study offerings for next academic year. The members decided not to add additional trips to make sure the current trips planned—South Africa Winter 2024 & Florence Spring Break 2024—can be underwritten as much as possible to make them affordable to students. The Committee also decided that the SA trip needs more financial support as it is the longest and most expensive trip; therefore 70% of the funds in the budget will be allocated to SA and the other 30% to Florence. Ultimately, the goal of the Committee is to maximize participation and attract diverse students to participate in the programs.
- **Future Study Abroad Offerings.** Most faculty seem to prefer shorter trips in the winter and summer, as well as a preference for trips already established. Since partnering with WorldStrides, the Committee has a variety of pre-packaged options to consider.

Motion to Adjourn: Catherine Weir. Second: Lauren Movius. Approved: Delphine Broccard, Denise Kinsella, Heather Bennett, Carol Davis, Pete Morris, Taneka Washington, Rostom Sarkissian at 2:08pm.

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Next scheduled meeting: Fall 2023