

iWG Assessment

iCAP Team Recommendation Ref #: Edu008 Sustainability in Study Abroad

Date of iWG Assessment Started: 12/12/22

Assessment Transmitted:

iWG Recommendation: The Illinois Abroad Council Steering Committee co-chairs, Kristi Kuntz and Luis Canales, should ask any study abroad departments that are not participating in the Environmental Sustainability Working Group to identify a representative to participate.

The IACSC may also consider incorporating student members in related committees and groups.

iWG Routing Direction (Department name, iCAP Team, or Council): Kristi Kuntz and Luis Canales

Individual comments from each iWG member:

iWG Member Name	iWG Member's Comments
Jennifer Fraterrigo (iSEE)	I support this recommendation.
Morgan White (F&S)	Connections across campus through committee participation are valuable, and the Environmental Sustainability Working Group for study abroad is a well-connected group that should have full representation throughout the various study abroad programs at the university.
Jamie Singson (Representing Auxiliaries)	In support of the recommendation.
Brian Bundren (Provost Office)	I support this recommendation.
Jim Brennan (Academic Senate)	I support this recommendation.
Sandy Yoo (System Office)	UOCP supports this recommendation.
Qu Kim (Representing College Facilities)	I support this recommendation.
Derek Fultz (Representing College Facilities)	I support this recommendation. I also believe the work can be very beneficial even without complete study abroad departments participation. Having all involved is beneficial, but even a smaller group can make great progress and lead by example.
Lucy Nifong (Student Sustainability Committee)	I support this recommendation. Students should have some input into the final "best practices" implemented by the group.
Danika Ford (Student Sustainability Leadership Council)	I support this recommendation. I also believe having a student representatives involved in this committee is an extremely helpful way to have student input on what aspects of sustainability students value and how they think they could implement that while studying abroad.

Alexandra Gergova, Illinois Student Government Environmental Sustainability Committee	ESC supports this recommendation.
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Original iCAP Team Recommendation:

The Illinois Abroad Council Steering Committee (IACSC) with the Environmental Sustainability and Study Abroad Working Group will charge the Directors of each college's study abroad program with assigning a member to this study abroad sustainability working group. Further, each Director should be charged to meet with the Environmental Sustainability and Study Abroad Working Group once per semester, at minimum. Through involvement in this working group, these representatives will gain the background needed to develop a collaborative effort to address climate-related impacts associated with study abroad. This would elicit a set of best practices and policy for all college-based international programs office in the areas of program orientation, re-entry programming, program policies regarding travel, community engagement, short term faculty led programming, environmental awareness and education. Continued support from iSEE and ongoing consultation with iSEE will be appreciated. As the program evolves, public updates on the iCAP portal will be of benefit to all stakeholders.

iWG Assessment of budget and policy impacts (*check one*):

moderate budget and/or policy impact OR major budget and/or policy implications

iWG Routing Need (*check one*):

more detailed study OR transmit recommendation OR forward to Sustainability Council