Study Abroad questions for WASC EER

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On Fri, Oct 8, 2010 at 8:51 AM, Craig Harmelin <charmelin@ucmerced.edu> wrote:
Dear Karen,

I am the assistant director in the Office of International Affairs and I am the person primarily responsible for study abroad at UC Merced and I report to Rebecca Sweeley.

I would be happy to meet with you if you would like to dig deeper on your questions about study abroad, but let me answer your question below and give you a little more information about our current activities and our plans for the future.

To give you a better idea of where OIA is heading and our goals as they relate to your questions, these are areas we plan to tackle over the next few years:

- Purchase and implementation of StudioAbroad, the industry-standard software for our field, to serve more students and create more self-service opportunities for students to learn and explore on their own while giving more data access and transparency to units from the Registrar and Financial Aid to Student Health and Disability Services to faculty and school advisors
- Further curricular integration of coursework from abroad using StudioAbroad software (for student and academic advisor use for advising, recruitment, and retention) and Banner (for advisor use for articulation)
- Great returnee activities and opportunities as the returnee population grows and study abroad reaches toward a critical mass including on-campus grad school and career-related workshops tied to reflective activities
- Establishing and testing global learning outcomes for students and integrating these into outcomes from study abroad to a global certificate program to possibly course syllabi
- Pushing to create a global certificate program (perhaps taught by OIA staff with a faculty instructor of record) to target sophomores as part of the campus' retention of second-year students but also to better prepare these students to enter a globalized workforce and hopefully for study abroad
- Pushing to create GE course to improve global competency and better prepare our students to enter a globalized workforce or to collaborate across cultures with colleagues from around the globe

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or clarifications and, again, if you would like to meet in person to get a better feel for our office, please let me know.

Best,
Craig

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