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Report Template

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Proposal title Summer Session in Krakow, Poland
Country/ies visited Poland
Institution visited University of Science and Technology, Krakow, Poland
Office of the Governor of Mazovia Province, Warsaw, Poland
Office of the Marshall of Mazovia province, Warsaw, Poland

Dates of travel 6/1/12 - 7/7/12
Number of student participants: 13

Previous IP proposals submitted and grants awarded (list titles, countries and dates): This was the sixth edition of that program. Previous once were in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. Each time the program was supported by OIP

Have all required reports been submitted? Yes

Other funding for this activity available/applied for: none
Proposal Abstract (75 word maximum):

The proposal for the 2013 seventh edition of the Summer Session in Krakow, Poland is similar to that of 2012. It offers a combination of technical courses with the course titled “Women in Polish Heritage” that offers 3 units of GE with the cultural diversity component. UTS Krakow organized already six successful editions of this program with over sixty Engineering students benefiting from it thus far. Each week, students will travel extensively through Europe using Krakow as their base. Classes are Monday through Thursday to facilitate that. Trip to the capital city of Warsaw (San Diego’s sister city) is planned.

Travel report:

   I. Opening/overview of intentions/activity

   II. In preparation for the trip abroad
      - collaborated with: University of Science and Technology, Krakow; this is a proven long-term partner
      - e mail contacts?
      - personal contacts were critically important
      - researched university statistics and compared to SDSU (e.g. number of students enrolled)
      - 20,000+ students at UST; predominantly Engineering
      - confirmed that prospective university is “recognized” by the Ministry of Education
      - UST is consistently ranked as #1 or #2 among over thirty technical universities in Poland.

   III. Upon arrival/specific activity
      - What/who are the contacts made at the prospective partner university?
      - Dr. Golas led Krakow efforts in all previous editions
      - What particular major/minor is of interest?
      - All Engineering students; offer should be extended to other CSU schools
IV. Conclusion, recommendation, and next step?
- Why is this particular institution valuable for SDSU?
  A proven, prestigious partner. Krakow is a very attractive city.
- Sustainability of project (is there a high likelihood that students in the department will be interested in studying the proposed subject area at the prospective partner university and vice versa)?
  Engineering is a small college – offer this program to other CSU schools. Then sustaining it should be easy.
- How will this exchange program (or expansion) increase participation by students in international activities, or enhance international learning environments for students?
  Student reaction/ assessment of this program has been extremely favorable. We need to continue and expand.
- What students will benefit?
  All who join.
- What will be their activities (e.g. course work, international internships, field research, etc.)?
  Classes, field trips, rich cultural and social events
- What will be your role in promoting and supporting these activities?
  I am doing my best, and spend a lot of time to use any vehicle to promote this program. Recruitment is not easy, and I need more help from OIP and CES. PLEASE list this program on your website!

V. Additional Information

The program went extremely well. Students had a very busy traveling to different destinations each weekend: Norway, Italy, Spain, Austria, Germany, UK, France. On one day students met with two most important persons in the Mazovia Province, Warsaw: Governor Kozinski and Marshall Struzik. They also attended a July 4th celebration event in Krakow and met US Ambassador from Warsaw and US Consul fro Krakow. EURO 2012 was a very strong attraction: students attended one of the soccer matches in Warsaw. All students had 100% class attendance, and did well in my course.