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Report Template

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Proposal title: International Tourism and Systems Management
Country/ies visited: Slovenia and Italy
Institution visited: Turistica School, Portoroz, Slovenia
Dates of travel: 1/5/12 – 1/11/12
Number of student participants: Proposing 10-15 SDSU students
Previous IP proposals submitted and grants awarded (list titles, countries and dates): None
Have all required reports been submitted? Yes
Other funding for this activity available/applied for: none

Proposal Abstract (75 word maximum):
1. The purpose of the January 2012 visit was to develop a collaborative working relationship with international faculty from another university (Turistica School) and opportunities for the students in the Recreation Systems Management Emphasis (and
students in other emphases) to study abroad as part of the degree program in future semesters.

Travel report:

I. Opening/overview of intentions/activity
I visited the Turistica School, University of Primorska in Portoroz, Slovenia to propose a teaching collaboration with faculty that would enable students from SDSU to travel to Europe, interact with students from the Turistica School, complete tourism excursions and coursework in a future semester.

II. In preparation for the trip abroad
Prior to the trip, I collaborated with two faculty using email communication. It was noted that there is an international agreement with the Turistica School and SDSU.

III. Upon arrival/specific activity
I met with faculty member, Dr. Tadeja Lazanski and faculty member Miha Lesjak. Both professionals work with students in the Turistica School (Tourism Studies), University of Primorska, Portoroz, Slovenia. I also met with Anton Gosar, Dean of the School. All parties confirmed their interest in having collaborative coursework that would involve both SDSU students and students from Turistica School.

IV. Conclusion, recommendation, and next step?
- This contact site would be valuable to SDSU because there is already an international agreement that exists.
- The Turistica School prepared college students to work in the field of tourism and there are several popular tourist destinations in proximity to Portoroz.
- As part of the collaboration, I am proposing that students from our students meet with students from Turistica, visit and study several tourist destinations, and complete coursework specific to the study of tourism.
- SDSU students and students from Turistica would receive course credit, which would apply to their curriculum requirements.
- Student activities will include course registration, the study and analysis of tourism topics, the completion of excursion trips, and classroom work as part of the course work.
- My role in the collaboration with faculty from Turistica would be to co-teach the course work.

V. Additional Information