

November 16, 2016

JAMES CHALFANT Chair, Academic Council

Subject: Draft Presidential Policy on International Activities

Dear Jim,

On November 7, 2016, the Divisional Council (DIVCO) considered the proposed policy cited in the subject line, informed by the commentary of our divisional Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) and Undergraduate Council (UGC).

UGC noted a concern from the perspective of undergraduate education:

... the primary point of concern is how this new policy applies to study abroad programs, for which the structure and approach varies from campus to campus. We would encourage the policy to specifically exclude consideration of these undergraduate study programs, since a one-size-fits-all approach will unnecessarily inhibit the pursuits of our undergraduates.

While CEP endorsed the proposal, it found it needlessly complicated and would prefer a more simplified document.

DIVCO endorsed the proposal without additional comment.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Max Auffhammer, Chair, Committee on Educational Policy Mark Stacey, Chair, Undergraduate Council Sumei Quiggle, Associate Director, staffing Undergraduate Council Linda Corley, Senate Analyst, Committee on Educational Policy