Resolutions on Study Abroad Fees and Funding

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**Whereas,**

Study Abroad is essential to UCA’s strategic mission, vision, and goals, particularly the goal to be a “nationally recognized leader for its…engagement with…global communities” and to “enhance interaction and understanding among diverse groups and cultivate enriched learning activities in a global community;”

**Whereas,**

Any UCA student who aspires to participate in a short-term study abroad opportunity must be able to afford the three main expenses of tuition, the program participation fee, and other fees;

**Whereas**,

The cost of existing programs places them out of reach for many students;

**Whereas**,

Students who register for study abroad courses currently must pay fees for services which they cannot possibly receive while abroad, such as HPER and student health;

**Whereas**,

~~Such fees now amount to $227.43 for a student taking a three credit hour course and over $400 for a student taking six credit hours in the summer;~~ Such fees are substantial and are a hardship for many students who might qualify for these opportunities.

**Be It Therefore Resolved that,** as recommended by the Study Abroad Advisory Committee, such fees be waived for students who participate in study abroad courses for a full semester.

**Resolution II**

**Whereas**

Currently, each student’s participation fee pays for that student’s airfare, accommodation, ground transportation in the target country, and course-related activities, as well as a portion of the faculty members’ expenses;

**Be It Also Resolved That**

Tuition revenue from study abroad be put into the Study Abroad account, from which faculty salaries and travel expenses could be paid.

**Appendix: University fees associated with 3 credit and 6 credit courses**

Type of Fee Fee per hour Fee per semester

Athletic $18.00

Student Ctr/Recreation $4.25

Facilities Fee $12.50

HPER $9.12

Fine/Performing Arts $2.00

Cooperative Education $0.50

Technology $7.50

Library $3.00

Writing/Retention $0.35

SAB (Student Activity Board) $1.59

Access and Security $15.00

Health Services $32.50

Student Activity $3.50

Total fee per hour $58.81

Total fees per semester $51

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Fees for 3-hour study abroad class = $ 227.43 [($58.81 \* 3) + $51]

Fees for 6-hour study abroad class = $403.86 [($58.81 \* 3) + $51]