



August 23, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sarita Rai, Director, Study Abroad Center

John Casken, Chair, Council on Study Abroad

FROM: Michael Bruno  
Provost

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Bruno'.

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO STUDY ABROAD ONE-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

Thank you for your July 25th progress report for the 2017-18 review of Study Abroad. I am pleased to learn that you are expanding STEM program offerings. You are also to be congratulated on the success you have seen with your new College-based advising model, which has enabled you to attract and enroll more students in Study Abroad programs. The 24 percent increase in participating students is impressive. I look forward to seeing this positive trend continue in the coming years.

One area I would like to see more movement on is that of expanding the geographic and disciplinary diversity of the traditional Study Abroad opportunities. You mention efforts on this front with regards to Seoul, Korea, but that is only a single example. Although the self-designed option may be appealing for some students, it would still be desirable for the established array of Study Abroad opportunities to be more geographically and topically comprehensive than it currently is. Another issue I noted in my previous response dated July 11, 2018 that has not been addressed is that of collaboration and cooperation between the different study away offices including MIX and NSE. By leveraging collective resources and expertise, you may be better positioned to provide a well-coordinated spectrum of programs equitably distributed across programs and demographics. I look forward to hearing about your continued progress and successes in your midcycle report due August 28, 2021.

C: Laura Lyons, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
April Goodwin, Program Officer