**PLU Featured Program Development: Definitions and Procedures**

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As part of the Goals and Strategies for Future Growthoutlined in the *2017 Study Away Working Group Report*, PLU will move forward with an increase in the number of Featured Semester-Long Programs offered to PLU students.

For purposes of this document, a PLU Featured Program is a semester-long program offered to PLU students by an outside provider with whom PLU has an enhanced partnership that has the potential for at least three of the following: capacity to offer curricula in a range of disciplines, availability of customized program design, opportunities for expansion, potential for PLU faculty participation, and the capacity to negotiate competitive prices. All Featured Programs must demonstrate evidence of a predictable set of high quality course offerings that, subject to approval by PLU faculty, may be entered into the Wang Center’s updated “Study Away Equivalency Guide”, in addition to a robust on-site academic and health and safety infrastructure with a proven track record of effectiveness.

*PLU Featured Program Proposals*

Featured Program Proposals may be brought forth by individual faculty, departments and academic support units, which includes the Wang Center for Global Education. Proposals for new Featured Programs will be accepted on a rolling basis and require signatures from the Chairs and Deans of all participating units. To submit a proposal complete the attached proposal form and submit electronic copies to the Chair of the Global Education Committee and the Wang Center Executive Director.

*Criteria for PLU Featured Program Selection*

The criteria to be considered when selecting PLU Featured Programs include, but are not limited to:

* alignment with university mission
* capacity to serve more than one academic program including interdisciplinary programs and General Education requirements
* potential for complementing current Gateway and Featured geographical locations (China, Mexico, Namibia, Norway, Oxford, Tacoma, Trinidad and Tobago)
* availability of custom designed curricula
* compatibility with PLU’s semester-based calendar
* offerings in experiential learning including internship and service opportunities
* evidence of excellence in teaching
* evidence of a robust on-site academic and health and safety infrastructure
* evidence of reasonable out-of-pocket costs for students such as tuition, housing, food, books, study tours, visa, etc.
* evidence of reasonable overall cost to PLU

*Proposal Form*

NAME:

PROGRAM OR UNIT AFFILIATION:

NAME OF PLU FEATURED PROGRAM BEING PROPOSED:

WEBSITE OF PROPOSED PLU FEATURED PROGRAM:

MAIN FEATURED PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION: Leigh Smith, Dean of IAU,

1.- Describe if PLU has a history with the proposed program. Have you or a PLU representative conducted a site-visit? Met with the program representatives? Had students participate in the program in the past? etc.

2.- Briefly describe how the proposed Featured Program aligns with PLU’s mission.

3.- Please provide an outline of disciplinary and interdisciplinary coursework as well as the General Education requirements, that the proposed program can provide.

4.- Describe how the proposed program’s location complements PLU’s current Gateway and Featured semester program locations.

5.- Does the proposed program have the capacity for custom designed curricula? Explain.

6.- Is the proposed program compatible with PLU’s semester-based calendar?

7.- Does the proposed program offer experiential learning opportunities including internship and/or service learning? Explain.

8.- What evidence is there of the proposed program’s commitment to excellence in teaching?

9.- Briefly describe the on-site infrastructure (academic and health, health and safety, housing, etc.).

10.- Briefly outline what the proposed program covers and does not cover in terms of student costs such as the following: tuition, housing, food, study tours, in-country transportation, visa, etc.

11.- Would the proposed program offer scholarships for PLU students? If yes, please elaborate.

12.- What is the cost of the proposed program to PLU per student?