Faculty Report

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Proposal title: A Collaborative Program for Nursing Education and Research:
  SDSU School of Nursing and the University of Applied Sciences of Western
  Switzerland (HES-SO)

Country/ies visited: Switzerland; Italy

Institution visited: HECV Sante and HECV La Source, two schools of nursing that
  are part of HES-SO

Dates of travel: April 27, 2009-May 5, 2009

Number of student participants:
  12 Swiss students and 3 faculty to SDSU—Summer 2009;
  12 SDSU students and 2 faculty to Lausanne/HES-SO—Summer 2010

Previous IP proposals submitted and grants awarded
(list titles, countries and dates): None

Have all required reports been submitted? N/A

Other funding for this activity available/applied for: HES-SO has committed:

  Funds for HES-SO students traveling to San Diego Summer 2009
    • Flight expenses
    • Insurance
    • Accommodation at the campus dorms or similar arrangements

  Funds for SDSU students traveling to Lausanne Summer 2010
    • Flight and housing expenses for two professors traveling with students and
      ready to provide lectures to their international classroom/possible team
      teaching
Proposal

This proposal seeks funding for a collaborative program between SDSU School of Nursing and the School of Nursing at the University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland (HES-SO). We began planning with HES-SO faculty in May 2008, to develop an exchange program. HES-SO and SDSU faculty and students will participate in didactic and clinical experiences, including international team work in multi-cultural environments. We also plan to conduct community-based participatory research including both schools’ students and faculty.

Travel report:

I. Opening/overview of intentions/activity

In May 2008, Dr. Catherine Todero, Director of the School of Nursing, and Dr. Diane Hatton met with Biagio Tedesco, the Study Abroad Coordinator of the University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland (HES-SO), Madeleine Baumann, Professor of Nursing La Source, and Director of Summer University for La Source, and Maxline Stettler, Office of General Direction of Universities for Canton Vaud. At that meeting held at SDSU, we began planning a collaborative program between our universities that will include the exchange of nursing students and faculty beginning Summer 2009. Our mutual goals are to provide experiences for HES-SO and SDSU nursing students that include didactic work and clinical experiences working as an international team in multi-cultural environments. We also discussed possibilities for research projects that would involve collaboration between students and faculty from both schools. Mr. Tedesco returned to San Diego with Professor Madeleine Baumann and Professor Carlos Masias in February 2009 to continue planning the exchange program. At that meeting we discussed the curricula of our various programs and possible experiences for Swiss students visiting San Diego. Professors Baumann and Masias had an opportunity to tour clinical sites in City Heights and meet with community health nursing faculty, Ms. Janet Finkle. All 3 guests visited an undergraduate nursing research class and talked about the project with SDSU students. Mr. Tedesco made arrangements with campus housing for the summer 2009; other details of the experience were discussed with Drs. Todero and Hatton including issues regarding visas, release of liability, medical insurance, and transportation.
The purposes of the April-May 2009 trip to Switzerland by Drs. Todero and Hatton were:

- To complete the planning for the visit of 12 Swiss students and 2 faculty from the HECV Sante and HECV La Source (HES-SO) to San Diego School of Nursing this summer 2009;
- To begin preliminary planning for twelve SDSU students and two faculty to visit Lausanne Switzerland in the summer of 2010;
- To experience the opportunities for the educational and cultural learning that our SDSU students will anticipate; and
- To discuss faculty research possibilities with the faculty of these two schools.

II. In preparation for the trip abroad

Prior to our travel, we reviewed materials provided by our Swiss colleagues; additional information regarding Switzerland and its healthcare system; and literature related to Swiss nursing practice and education systems. We remained in e-mail contact with our Swiss colleagues who made arrangements for our travel from Geneva to Lausanne; our lodging in Lausanne; and generously provided additional information and assistance for our travel. HES-SO is recognized by the Swiss Ministry of Education, and we were fortunate during our trip to meet the individual from Canton Vaud who oversees this Ministry and strongly supports this exchange program. Further information about this follows.

III. Upon arrival/specific activity

Our activities consisted of numerous meetings to plan the Summer experiences for 2009 and 2010. In addition, we toured a variety of facilities where nurses practice in Lausanne and we each gave a research presentation. These activities are summarized below.

April 28, 2009, Tuesday (Arrival Day)

- Met with Mr. Biaggio Tedesco, International Studies Director.

- Attended a get acquainted dinner meeting with various Swiss educational officials and representatives from the two schools. Attending the meeting were:
  - Michelle Rochat, Director of University Studies for the Canton of Vaud
  - Mireille Clerc, Director of HECV Sante (equivalent to Dean)
  - Cecile Desaulles, Professor of Nursing, HECV Sante
  - Madeleine Baumann, Professor of Nursing La Source, and Director of Summer University for La Source
  - Carlos Masias-Valdes Professor and Director of the Baccalaureate Program and Director of Summer University for HECV Sante
  - Daniel Ducommun, Professor and in charge of student affairs La Source
  - Staff of the office of General Direction of Universities for Canton Vaud
April 29, 2009 Wednesday

- Met with the Dean of Nursing faculty for HECVsante (public university), Mr. Patrick Van Gele (equivalent to the Director position at SDSU) and Cecile Desaulles, Professor of Nursing, HECVsante. We took a tour of the school facilities and discussed the general curriculum for nursing with the nine competencies that are achieved. They use a problem-based learning model for 90% of their classes. They have 180 credits for the degree; one credit = 30 hours. There are 60 credits of clinical practice. There is no licensing exam in Switzerland. Graduates are certified to practice by their faculty and graduation. The organization/cooperation of the public and private universities was also described. This has been facilitated by the Bologna agreement which changed their educational system to standardize it to bachelors, masters and PhD education.

- Met with Mr. Jacques Chapuis, Director of La Source (the private university). He provided an overview of health education and university education in Switzerland. He also explained the politics of higher education in Switzerland in general and Canton Vaud in particular.

  i. There are 6 health campuses of the HES-SO, the University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland, the French speaking Cantons (states) of Switzerland. The 2 campuses in Vaud are HECVSanté and La Source. There are 350 nursing students (plus around 150 midwifery and allied health students) at HECVSante and 450-500 nursing students at La Source. The students choose which school to attend and the government funding for their education follows the student.

  ii. The minister of Vaud (equivalent to the governor) is the minister in charge of education for Switzerland. All ministers are assigned a special task and this minister’s task is higher education.

- Lunched with the Ann Claude Allin, Dean of La Source and Professor Ivo from Nursing La Source and others.

- Visited Fondation de Nant, the in-patient facility for adult psychiatric care. Met with Mr. A. Daetwyler, Nursing Director for the Adult Psychiatric network and the Director for the entire foundation of psychiatric services in Canton Vaud. They described the model and philosophy of care.
Thursday, April 30, 2009

- Spent the morning with Professors Cecile Desaulles and Carlos Masias-Valdes working on the schedule for the Swiss student learning in San Diego in July 2009.
- In the afternoon we toured the CHUV-Hospital with Mr. Patrick Genoud, Adjunct Director of Nursing. This is a 1200 bed full service, tertiary care facility. They have burns, trauma, cardiovascular, peri-natal, pediatrics, psychiatric and some solid organ transplant. They also have a medical school adjacent to the hospital.
- Professors Hatton and Todero gave research presentations to the combined faculty of HECVSante and La Source. There were approximately 18-20 faculty in attendance. Their research interests include: pain in children, well-being in the elderly, mental health, violence and ethics, case management roles of nurses, palliative care, gender studies (anthropologist). Most of the faculty are masters prepared and not PhD.

May 1, 2009, Friday

- Working Session with Professor Cecile Desaulles to complete plans for July 2009 SDSU visit.
- Closing Session with aperitif at La Maison de l’Elysee with Ms. A. Catherine Lyon, Minister Canton Vaud. (equivalent of governor) and other representatives of the office of higher education. Michelle Rochat expressed interest in semester student exchanges, faculty exchanges, joint masters degrees and a “three continent program” They are actively working on agreements for nursing exchanges in Bangalore, India and would like to include the California programs in this somehow. These dignitaries will be present in Humboldt this summer to sign the official agreement with CSU for the student experiences. They plan to come to San Diego around July 19-20th also.

IV. Conclusion, recommendation, and next step

This institution is valuable for SDSU for several reasons:
- They have the resources to financially sustain the program and are committed to its success.
- They have established working agreements with other CSU campus programs, including the School of Nursing at Humboldt State University, and are familiar with the CSU system.
- They have excellent faculty and resources that will benefit our students and faculty who travel to Switzerland for both learning and research.
- There is interest in collaborative research that would be beneficial to both students and faculty.
SDSU nursing students benefiting from this exchange will include undergraduates during Summer 2009 and 2010. They will serve as ambassadors during the Swiss visit Summer 2009; students participating as ambassadors and expressing interest in the program will be selected to travel to Switzerland during Summer 2010. Their experiences will include didactic and clinical nursing experiences. Additionally, we have planned cultural experiences for their visit and SDSU students will have the same opportunities. The School of Nursing supports this exchange and plans to welcome the visitors who arrive in San Diego on July 3, 2009 with a July 4th celebration.

V. Additional Information

Twelve undergraduate nursing students and 3 faculty will stay in San Diego from July 3-31, 2009. In addition to their didactic and clinical experiences, students and faculty will travel to Humboldt State University July 10-14 for a celebration that will include the Swiss Minister of Education. Drs. Todero and Hatton will also attend this event. From July 24-July 26, Swiss students and faculty will travel to the Imperial Valley Campus for additional clinical experiences and event with their Swiss Club.

We look forward to working with our Swiss colleagues at HES-SO and appreciate our support from the Office of International Programs.

All information should be sent to The Office of International Programs via e mail:

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