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Dear Carmen, May, Katra, and Natascha,

On Friday, April 25, the GE Education Abroad Ad Hoc Panel reviewed the request for GE Education Abroad for German 2798.02.

I am very happy to report that the request was unanimously approved.

The Panel had two small recommendations that I here list:

- Schedule of activities: Only 2 hrs for presentation on last day. This is probably not enough.
- GE rationale for Education Abroad: Point a) "How does this particular course promote recognition of and reflection on the similarities, differences, and interconnections between the students' host country/countries and the U.S.?" The answer provided speaks of the "similarities, differences, and interconnections between Berlin, Germany, and a similar cosmopolitan city in the US." Suggestion to downshift this expectation. The expected learning outcome only refers to the US. Hence, it is OK for students to compare Berlin to the aspect of the US that they are familiar with. (It does not have to be a "similar cosmopolitan city in the US.")

The course will next advance to the full ASCC for the standard 2-weeks comments period.

Should you have any questions about this feedback, please do not hesitate to contact Steve Fink (Chair of the GE Education Abroad Ad Hoc Panel; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

My best,
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