

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, REQUESTING THE ADDITION OF STUDY ABROAD AND STUDY AWAY OPPORTUNITIES TO FOUNDATIONS OF KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED CLASSES.

WHEREAS: One of the goals of the 2013-2018 NKU Strategic Plan regarding Academic Innovation is to “Develop formal processes and collaborative processes for experiential learning,” and

WHEREAS: Studying abroad and studying away are examples of experiential learning, and

WHEREAS: For example, a class such as HIS 102: History of United States through 1877-American History, designed to meet demands for a general understanding of U.S. history and fulfill the Culture and Creativity category of the Foundations of Knowledge, could include a two week trip to Washington, D.C. to enhance their learning and understanding of what was taught in the course, and

WHEREAS: An existing upper level course, BIO 463: Tropical Ecology Laboratory, which meets weekly throughout the semester, already includes a ten day field study in Costa Rica where students fly to San Jose, and are shuttled via bus, plane, and boat to various field sites, and

WHEREAS: The Office of Education Abroad currently has the resources to reach out to relevant faculty who are both willing and able to add a study abroad component to Foundations of Knowledge courses like the aforementioned American History and create others that travel out of the country, and

WHEREAS: François Le Roy, Director of the Office of Education Abroad, has stated that scholarships are available to NKU students to help defray expenses related to their participation in Education Abroad programs and may be willing to substitute other criteria for GPA awarding study abroad and study away scholarships to first year students who don't yet have a college GPA, and

WHEREAS: Increasing the number of study abroad and study away opportunities included with Foundations of Knowledge courses would help students become more educated about the functions of The Office of Education Abroad and would help reduce the stigma, fear, and hesitation that often surrounds studying abroad and studying away.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS EIGHTEENTH DAY OF APRIL 2016, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, REQUESTS THE ADDITION OF STUDY ABROAD AND STUDY AWAY OPPORTUNITIES TO FOUNDATIONS OF KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED CLASSES.

Signed: _____

Katherine M. Hahnel, President

Attest: _____

Emma Vincent , Senator

