

Round Table Discussion – Scenario

Group: _____

Country: _____

Scenario: You are the Senior International Officer (SIO) on your campus. Your institution is considering setting up a study abroad program in a country with a current US State Department Travel Warning. Historically, your campus has had a strict policy to not send students to countries with a current travel warning. However, there has been increased pressure from some constituents on your campus to engage in this country.

1. What country do you plan to engage in (e.g. Mexico, Colombia, etc.)?
2. What factors must you consider?
3. How do you make a case to key offices on your campus to proceed with this program?
 - a. Legal Affairs Office
 - b. Risk Office/er
 - c. Academic Dean
 - d. Student Affairs Dean
4. Questions to consider as you build your case:
 - a. What health and safety factors should be considered when proposing to open a study abroad program in this country?
 - b. What networks and resources can you draw upon to assist with your assessment?
 - c. What factors would you assess to determine locations in the country to send students to or not send students to?
 - d. Is program type a factor (e.g. faculty-led, affiliate/third-party provider, university exchange, etc.)?
 - e. What is your institution's risk tolerance? How does this affect your proposal?

Legal Affairs Office	Risk Office
Academic Dean	Student Affairs Dean