I. REASON FOR PROPOSED ACTION AND SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The reason for the revision of the recently-approved policy was that the consequences, i.e., the student not being able to transfer in courses if they did not go through our process, were in hindsight deemed unenforceable by university counsel. Thus, we took the opportunity to review the policy in its entirety and in light of COVID and other health risks that might present themselves. Additionally, the U.S. Department of State chose to increase their risk ratings to align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) which raised the risk level to Level 4 – do not travel for 80% of the countries thereby not allowing students to study abroad per the previous version of the policy. We wish to have more flexibility in determining the risk of travel. This version of the policy removes the dependence on the U.S. Department of State ratings and allows for a wider risk assessment from various sources. The procedure for
determining which locations would require a travel appeal will be approved by university leadership and published on the Office of Global Education’s website.

II. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN THE POLICY REVIEW

List all the offices and personnel who participated in the drafting or coordination of this policy.

Provost (6/11/21)
Interim Vice Provost (A. Jones 3/16/21)
Legal (K. Hardy 4/14/21)
International Risk Management (3/16/21)
Special Assistant to the Provost (J. Taylor, ongoing involvement)
Policy Coordination Manager (J. Speed, ongoing involvement)

III. Legal REVIEW

Is Legal review of the proposed changes recommended?

Yes

IV. FISCAL REVIEW

Are there any financial (human resources, technology, operations, training, etc.) or other resource impacts of implementing this policy (e.g., cost savings, start-up costs, additional time for faculty or staff, new systems, or software)?

No

If yes, please explain: