GO Morocco

Sent: February 16, 2021

Dear GO Morocco Students,

We are disappointed to share the news that we will not be able to facilitate in-person connections to build networks and community in Morocco this summer. This means that, unfortunately, we need to postpone the Summer 2021 Morocco program to Winter Break 2021/2022.

As you know, GO is designed to allow students to meet the <u>cross-cultural learning goals</u> of the SU Central Curriculum. The structure of the GO requirement typically requires a minimum of 2 weeks onsite in a cross-cultural immersion setting, book-ended by a 7 weeks' preparatory course and a 7 weeks' reflection course. From the beginning, we have guaranteed to work with students to meet the cross-cultural requirement for graduation. Since we will not be able to travel as planned there are few options:

- 1. Keep your spot on the program which would travel during Winter Break 2021/2022
 - a. Please confirm this by sending an e-mail to sanderss@susqu.edu by March 1
- 2. Apply to a different GO Short or GO Your Way program
 - a. Winter applications for GO Short and GO Your Way will open at the end of the spring 2021 semester.
 - b. Please sign up for advising with GO: http://go.susqu.edu/?go=shane
- 3. Apply to a virtual GO program over summer break
 - a. Please contact goprogram@susqu.edu today if you are interested in this option as we will work with you for a short extension through the end of the week.

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know – we are happy to set up a time to talk via phone or Zoom.

Best,

Molly Roe, Director of Global Opportunities Shane Sanders, Short term Programs Coordinator Scott Manning, Dean of Global Programs

Window to Japan

Sent: February 17, 2021

Dear Summer 2021 Window to Japan students,

We are disappointed to share the news that due to COVID-19 continued entry requirements, in addition to travel restrictions within Japan, we will not be able to offer the program. The program relies heavily on in-person connections to build networks and community, and right now, that isn't possible. That means that, unfortunately, we **need to cancel the Window to Japan program for summer 2021.**Since we will not be able to travel as planned there are few options:

- 1. Keep your spot on the program which would travel in summer 2022
 - a. For those of you who are juniors, this would make you an August 2022 graduate, though you would be able to walk at graduation pending the completion of all other requirements.
 - b. Please confirm this by sending an e-mail to sanderss@susqu.edu by March 1
- 2. Apply to a different GO Short or GO Your Way program

- a. Winter applications for GO Short and GO Your Way will open at the end of the spring 2021 semester.
- b. Please sign up for advising with GO: http://go.susqu.edu/?go=shane
- 3. Apply to a virtual GO program over summer break
 - a. Please contact goprogram@susqu.edu today if you are interested in this option as we will work with you for a short extension through the end of the week.

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know – we are happy to set up a time to talk via phone or Zoom.

Best,

Molly Roe, Director of Global Opportunities **Shane Sanders**, Short term Programs Coordinator **Scott Manning**, Dean of Global Programs

GO Austria

Sent: February 26, 2021

Dear Summer 2021 GO Austria students,

We are disappointed to share the news that due to COVID-19 continued entry requirements, in addition to travel restrictions within Austria, we will not be able to offer the program. The program relies heavily on in-person connections to build networks and community, and right now, that isn't possible. That means that, unfortunately, we **need to postpone GO Austria until Winter Break 2021/2022.**

As you know, GO is designed to allow students to meet the <u>cross-cultural learning goals</u> of the SU Central Curriculum. The structure of the GO requirement typically requires a minimum of 2 weeks onsite in a cross-cultural immersion setting, book-ended by a 7 weeks' preparatory course and a 7 weeks' reflection course. From the beginning, we have guaranteed to work with students to meet the cross-cultural requirement for graduation. Since we will not be able to travel as planned there are few options:

- 1. Keep your spot on the program which would travel during Winter Break 2021/2022
 - a. Please confirm this by sending an e-mail to sanderss@susqu.edu by March 5
- 2. Apply to a different GO Short or GO Your Way program
 - a. 2 Summer GO Your Way programs are open for applications (<u>Projects Abroad</u> or <u>Study</u> Program). **Applications are due March 5.**
 - b. Winter applications for GO Short and GO Your Way will open at the end of the spring 2021 semester.
 - c. Please sign up for advising with GO: http://go.susqu.edu/?go=shane
- 3. Apply to a virtual GO program over summer break
 - a. Applications are due March 5

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know – we are happy to set up a time to talk via phone or Zoom.

Best,

Molly Roe, Director of Global Opportunities **Shane Sanders**, Short term Programs Coordinator **Scott Manning**, Dean of Global Programs

Travel Writing in South Africa

Sent: Feb. 26, 2021

Dear Summer 2021 Travel Writing in South Africa students,

We are disappointed to share the news that we will not be able to offer an in-person South Africa program. The situation continues to change, due to continued entry requirements, travel restrictions within South Africa, new variants, and significantly slowed vaccine, programming in South Africa is not feasible. We rely heavily on in-person connections to build networks and community, and right now, that isn't possible.

Fortunately, we will be able to offer the **Travel Writing in South Africa as a virtual program this summer!**

A bit of information about the Travel Writing in South Africa virtual program:

A virtual GO Short program mimics the format of a traveling GO Short program, so you would take the prep course as usual, preparing you for the cross-cultural experiences you will have during the virtual program. The prep course will still take place this semester, starting March 18. You will then have the virtual program, occurring during the same dates as when the in-person program was scheduled. Your virtual program will include cultural programming for an in-depth study into South African culture, engagement with local community members, and project work. We are excited to connect you with some of the projects and South African creative writing students with whom Dr. Retief is working. As you may know, Dr. Retief is on a sabbatical, living in South Africa for the year, and will be able to provide on-site connections during the virtual program, in addition to the cultural programming with Ukubona Tours. Programming will occur during the mornings because of the time difference. And then you would take the reflection course during summer break. The programming would be \$2,500 and you would still be eligible for your GO Grant.

As you know, GO is designed to allow students to meet the <u>cross-cultural learning goals</u> of the SU Central Curriculum. The structure of the GO requirement typically requires a minimum of 2 weeks onsite in a cross-cultural immersion setting, book-ended by a 7 weeks' preparatory course and a 7 weeks' reflection course. From the beginning, we have guaranteed to work with students to meet the cross-cultural requirement for graduation. Since we will not be able to travel as planned there are few options:

- 1. Keep your spot on the virtual program
 - a. Please confirm this by sending an e-mail to sanderss@susqu.edu by March 5
- 2. Apply to a different GO Short or GO Your Way program
 - a. 2 Summer GO Your Way programs are open for applications (<u>Projects Abroad</u> or <u>Study</u> Program). **Applications are due March 5.**
 - b. Winter applications for GO Short and GO Your Way will open at the end of the spring 2021 semester.
 - c. Please sign up for advising with GO: http://go.susqu.edu/?go=shane
- 3. For 2023 graduates: Apply to a different GO Short or GO Your Way program for Summer 2022.
 - a. Applications will be during the fall 2021 semester.
 - b. We do know at this point that the Travel Writing in South Africa program will <u>not</u> be offered in Summer 2022.

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know – we are happy to set up a time to talk via phone or Zoom.

Best,

Molly Roe, Director of Global Opportunities **Shane Sanders**, Short term Programs Coordinator **Scott Manning**, Dean of Global Programs

Northern Ireland

Sent March 1, 2021

Dear Peace, Youth, and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland Students,

We are disappointed to share the news that due to COVID-19 continued entry requirements, in addition to travel restrictions within Northern Ireland, we will not be able to offer the program. The program relies heavily on in-person connections to build networks and community, and right now, that isn't possible. That means that, unfortunately, we **need to postpone Peace, Youth and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland until Winter Break 2021/2022.**

As you know, GO is designed to allow students to meet the <u>cross-cultural learning goals</u> of the SU Central Curriculum. The structure of the GO requirement typically requires a minimum of 2 weeks onsite in a cross-cultural immersion setting, book-ended by a 7 weeks' preparatory course and a 7 weeks' reflection course. From the beginning, we have guaranteed to work with students to meet the cross-cultural requirement for graduation. Since we will not be able to travel as planned there are few options:

- 4. Keep your spot on the program which would travel during Winter Break 2021/2022
 - a. Please confirm this by sending an e-mail to sanderss@susqu.edu by March 5
- 5. Apply to a different GO Short or GO Your Way program
 - a. 2 Summer GO Your Way programs are open for applications (<u>Projects Abroad</u> or <u>Study Program</u>). Applications are due March 5.
 - b. Winter applications for GO Short and GO Your Way will open at the end of the spring 2021 semester.
 - c. Please sign up for advising with GO: http://go.susqu.edu/?go=shane
- 6. Apply to a virtual GO program over summer break
 - a. Applications are due March 5

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know – we are happy to set up a time to talk via phone or Zoom.

Best,

Molly Roe, Director of Global Opportunities **Shane Sanders**, Short term Programs Coordinator **Scott Manning**, Dean of Global Programs

Greece

Sent March 2, 2021

Dear Greek Culture: Ancient and Modern Students,

We are disappointed to share the news that due to COVID-19 continued entry requirements, in addition to travel restrictions within Greece, we will not be able to offer the program. The program relies heavily on in-person connections to build networks and community, and right now, that isn't possible. That means that, unfortunately, we **need to postpone Greek Culture: Ancient and Modern until Winter Break 2021/2022.**

As you know, GO is designed to allow students to meet the <u>cross-cultural learning goals</u> of the SU Central Curriculum. The structure of the GO requirement typically requires a minimum of 2 weeks onsite in a cross-cultural immersion setting, book-ended by a 7 weeks' preparatory course and a 7 weeks' reflection course. From the beginning, we have guaranteed to work with students to meet the cross-cultural requirement for graduation. Since we will not be able to travel as planned there are few options:

- 1. Keep your spot on the program which would travel during Winter Break 2021/2022
 - a. Please confirm this by sending an e-mail to sanderss@susqu.edu by March 5
- 2. Apply to a different GO Short or GO Your Way program
 - a. 2 Summer GO Your Way programs are open for applications (<u>Projects Abroad</u> or <u>Study Program</u>). Applications are due March 5. Advising is required for this options, so we can grant a short extension if you notify us by March 5 of your intent to proceed with this option and you make an appointment with <u>Shane Sanders</u> or <u>Molly Roe</u>.
 - b. Winter applications for GO Short and GO Your Way will open at the end of the spring 2021 semester.
 - c. Please sign up for advising with GO: http://go.susqu.edu/?go=shane
- 3. Apply to a <u>virtual GO program</u> over summer break
 - **a. Applications are due March 5.** We can grant a short extension if you notify us by March 5 of your intent to proceed with this option

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know – we are happy to set up a time to talk via phone or Zoom.

Best,

Molly Roe, Director of Global Opportunities **Shane Sanders**, Short term Programs Coordinator **Scott Manning**, Dean of Global Programs

Singapore

Sent: March 2, 2021

Dear GO Singapore Students,

We are disappointed to share the news that due to COVID-19 continued entry requirements, in addition to travel restrictions within Greece, we will not be able to offer the program. The program relies heavily on in-person connections to build networks and community, and right now, that isn't possible. That means that, unfortunately we are unable to continue as previously planned and **need to cancel the GO Singapore program for summer 2021.**

As you know, GO is designed to allow students to meet the <u>cross-cultural learning goals</u> of the SU Central Curriculum. The structure of the GO requirement typically requires a minimum of 2 weeks onsite in a cross-cultural immersion setting, book-ended by a 7 weeks' preparatory course and a 7 weeks' reflection course. From the beginning, we have guaranteed to work with students to meet the cross-cultural requirement for graduation. Since we will not be able to travel as planned there are few options:

1. Submit a virtual accommodation request

- a. Based on feedback we have received from students concerned about travel, we have built a <u>COVID-19 accommodation request</u> application for approval to complete the cross-cultural requirement through a virtual program over summer 2021. We recommend setting up a meeting with <u>Molly</u> to discuss this option.
- b. Applications are accepted through March 5. We can grant a short extension if you notify us by March 5 of your intent to proceed with this option.

2. Participate in a different GO Short or GO Your Way program.

- a. 2 Summer GO Your Way programs are open for applications (<u>Projects Abroad</u> or <u>Study Program</u>). Applications are due March 5. Advising is required for this options, so we can grant a short extension if you notify us by March 5 of your intent to proceed with this option and you make an appointment with <u>Shane Sanders</u> or <u>Molly Roe</u>.
- b. Winter GO Short programs will be announced on mySU later this semester. We do want to share that, unfortunately, Singapore will not be on that list.

We do want to remind you that for any of these options, GO would complete the course registration.

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know – we are happy to set up a time to talk via phone or Zoom.

Best,

Molly Roe, Director of Global Opportunities **Shane Sanders**, Short term Programs Coordinator **Scott Manning**, Dean of Global Programs

Cusco

Sent: March 4, 2021

Dear Summer 2021 GO Cusco students,

We are disappointed to share the news that we will not be able to offer an in-person GO Cusco program. The situation continues to change but due to continued entry requirements, travel restrictions within Peru, and the new variants globally, programming in Peru is not feasible. We rely heavily on in-person connections to build networks and community, and right now, that isn't possible.

Fortunately, we will be able to offer a virtual program based in Ecuador* instead!

A bit of information about the Ecuador virtual program:

Ecuador is home to dramatic, contrasting landscapes despite being the second-smallest country in Latin America. In one day, you can journey from black water lagoons of the Amazon basin, across the glaciers of Andean volcanoes, through dense cloud forest canopies and arrive at the beaches of the Pacific coast. These unique landscapes make Ecuador a great place for biodiversity and environmental conservation. The people of Ecuador are as diverse as their landscape, however, high poverty and income inequality greatly affect the indigenous, mixed race, and rural populations.

A virtual GO Short program mimics the format of a traveling GO Short program, so you would take the prep course as usual, preparing you for the cross-cultural experiences you will have during the virtual program. The prep course will still take place this semester, starting March 18. You will then have the 4-week virtual program, occurring May 13-June 11. You'll complete 2-3 hours of programming per day in synchronous and asynchronous settings. Synchronous programming will likely occur during workdays (Mon-Fri) in the morning (EST) due to the time differences with our international partnerships. Students are expected to participate fully throughout the virtual program and to make the necessary arrangements to their schedule to accommodate the virtual program. Programming will occur during the mornings because of the time difference. And then you would take the reflection course during summer break. The programming would be \$2,500 and you would still be eligible for your GO Grant.

Your virtual program will include cultural programming for an in-depth study into the Ecuadorians culture, engagement with local community members, and project work. Cultural Workshops will be led by In-Country Directors and Local Buddy Chats with local university-aged students who are as eager to share their culture. These workshops may include a variety of different themes including traditions, food, communication and more.

We are excited to connect you with some of the internship projects, which will be matched based on your interests and career goals. You will still be able to engage with locals in Spanish.

*We are looking into if the provider would be able to facilitate this program in Cusco instead of Ecuador.

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- 1. Keep your spot on the virtual program
 - a. Please confirm this by sending an e-mail to sanderss@susqu.edu by March 10
 - b. The virtual option will count for Spanish majors.
- 2. Apply to a different GO Short or GO Your Way program
 - a. 2 Summer GO Your Way programs are open for applications (<u>Projects Abroad</u> or <u>Study Program</u>). Applications are accepted through March 5. Advising is required for this options, so we can grant a short extension if you notify us by March 5 of your intent to proceed with this option and you make an appointment with <u>Shane Sanders</u> or <u>Molly Roe</u>.
 - b. Winter applications for GO Short and GO Your Way will open at the end of the spring 2021 semester.
 - c. Please sign up for advising with GO: http://go.susqu.edu/?go=shane

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know – we are happy to set up a time to talk via phone or Zoom.

Best,

Molly Roe, Director of Global Opportunities **Shane Sanders**, Short term Programs Coordinator **Scott Manning**, Dean of Global Programs