

COBEC – Study Abroad Committee, Feb. 8, 2019 – Notes from meeting  
San Pedro, Belize

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Discussion included:

1. Each attendee introduced her/himself and talked about the study abroad issues at their college/university.
2. Research approval process from NICH (National Institute of Culture and History)  
Contact NICH-Institute of Social and Cultural Research for research permits. Need PI's CV, proposal, IRB approval from home university. See their website (<https://nichbelize.org/>) for details.  
The group agreed that at a future meeting in Belize Health, NICH, Agriculture, and Forest Dept should be invited to COBEC to discuss research permits and procedures.
3. Ministry of Education requirements for a teaching permit for visiting study abroad student teachers/interns. The Co-Chairs agreed to circulate the revised document once MOE has made the agreed to changes.
4. The Co-chairs agreed to send COBEC's Study Abroad Best Practices document to those who attended.