April 24, 2013

Dear Andrea Giunta and George Flaherty:

Thank you for your cooperation with the International Oversight Committee (IOC). You have requested approval to travel to a Restricted Region, which is an area that poses significant health, safety, or security risks to foreign travelers. The policy of the University of Texas at Austin states that all student travel to locations currently on the UT Restricted Regions List must be reviewed and approved by the IOC prior to departure.

The intent of this IOC review is to provide travelers with information relating to the potential dangers and risks associated with travel to a Restricted Region. In addition, all UT international travelers should understand and be adequately prepared to mitigate the health, safety, and security risks associated with their specific travel to a Restricted Region. Finally, the information collected through this process benefits you and the University in our capacity to provide quality assistance in the event of an emergency or crisis. In cases where the IOC deems the risk to be too high, travel will not be approved.

The IOC has reviewed your submitted materials, and your request to conduct "Grounds for Comparison: Neo-Vanguards and Latin American/U.S. Latino Art, 1960-90" seminar in Bogotá, Colombia for the time period of June 1 – 8, 2013 has been approved. This means that you may proceed with the planned academic travel to this particular location, which has been recognized as having a significant level of risk. As a condition of approval, the program organizer or sponsoring academic unit must inform the IOC of any changes to the proposed itinerary, critical nature of the trip, or any other significant modifications to the planned travel.

**Important Note:** All UT travelers participating in this activity/program at this location are required to seek individual travel approval from the IOC. This letter does not serve as approval for individual participants. For more information on requesting individual IOC approval, see [http://world.utexas.edu/risk/authorization](http://world.utexas.edu/risk/authorization).

Please be aware that if there is a change in circumstances – in terms of the proposed itinerary, the critical nature of the trip, or the health, safety, or security climate of the region of interest – either prior to or after the departure, the University retains the right to withdraw this travel approval and/or require program participants to return to the U.S. In the event that the University decides to withdraw the program, Center for Latin American Visual Studies (CLAVIS) agrees to fully cooperate with UT and facilitate the evacuation process to the greatest extent possible.

Again, thank you for your cooperation with the IOC and for your important contributions to this University. Best wishes for a safe and successful program abroad.

Sincerely,

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