

**Faculty Senate Committee for International Programs
Annual Report: 2023-2024**

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Meetings: The Faculty Senate International Programs Committee met 4 times during the academic year of 2023-2024:

- September 6, 2023
- December 4, 2023
- January 24, 2024
- April 26, 2024

Committee members 2023-2024:

NAME	COLLEGE	TITLE
Almon, Cate	CLA	Assistant professor/Associate dir. First Year Writing Program
Borguet, Eric	CST	Professor, Dept. of Chemistry
Culver, Sherri Hope	Klein College of Media & Communication	Assoc. professor. Media Studies and Production; Director, Center for Media and Information Literacy.
Ding, Meixia	CEHD	Associate professor
Gerst, Katie	FSBM	Associate professor from Fox, Department of Marketing
Gragnani, Cristina	CLA	Associate professor, Italian
Hellerslia, Van	Pharm	Clinical associate professor
Johnson, Laura	SSW	Assistant professor, College of Public Health
Kaprielian, Gabriel	TYLER	Assistant professor
Kiani, Mohammad	Engineering	Professor, dept. of mechanical engineering
Kunkel, Thilo	STHM	Associate Professor & Director Sport Industry Research Center
McCarthy, Barry	LAW	Associate professor of law
McCormick, Bryan	CPH	Professor, Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
McDonnell, Patrick	Pharm	Professor of Pharmacy, School of Pharmacy
Mittal, Neha	FSBM	Associate Professor, Operations and Supply Chain Management, Fox School of Business.
Neubert, Karl	TFMA, TUJ	Associate professor of Film & Media Arts
Wu, Jingwei	CPH	Associate professor and primary research faculty, Biostatistics Core Center, Dept. of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
EX-OFFICIOS		
Berman, Dan		Ex-officio, VP Undergraduate Studies
Gordon, Maureen		Director, Education Abroad & Overseas Campuses
Miller, Martyn		Assistant Vice President, Global Engagement
Aldarondo, Hiram		Senior associate dean for academic affairs
Chan, Darren		Student representative

Key Points of Discussion from Each Meeting:

September 6, 2023

Study Abroad update	Presentation from Maureen Gordon, Director, Education Abroad and Overseas Campuses. Discussion and questions regarding places of growth and improvement.
International student recruiting activities and international enrollment numbers	Presentation from Martyn Miller, Assistant Vice President, Office of Global Engagement shared data about Global Engagement. Review of growth areas and decreasing area of recruitment for undergraduates and graduate students. There is a goal to do presentations at all collegiate assembly meetings to inform faculty about education abroad and international programs, but it can be challenging getting on the agenda. Committee members are needed to help coordinate these efforts.
New Business	Created a TEAMS folder to house all meeting agenda items, minutes and recordings. Recruiting for a student representative for the committee. Suggestion that Global Engagement create a landing page for faculty members to visit with information for Faculty seeking opportunities to develop study abroad programs or contribute in other ways.

December 4, 2023

Global engagement update	Emilia Zankina, Vice Provost for Global Engagement and Dean of Temple Rome presented a strategic plan for international admissions and recruitment with trackable goals. Highlights of the strategic plan involve eliminating traditional obstacles, improving coordination, creating an alumni database, and identifying grants. Discussion of how the IP committee can assist with these goals.
Study Abroad update	Maureen Gordon, Director, Education Abroad and Overseas Campuses presented an overall update of the study abroad program. Several members of the IP committee participated in an informal discussion about ways to improve education abroad back in Oct. Moving forward, there will be an Advisory Committee made up of members of the IP committee and others to provide input for study abroad efforts. Goal this year is to improve faculty engagement.
International student recruiting activities and international enrollment numbers	Martyn Miller, Assistant Vice President, Office of Global Engagement shared data on international education application and admissions activity. Discussed ways in which the IP committee can improve recruitment and overall interest of main campus students in study abroad and global engagement.

January 24, 2024

Department / College meetings	Discussion on how the IP committee can assist Martyn and Maureen in setting up department and/or college meetings. General agreement that participation of faculty from the respective departments would increase likelihood of getting this meeting added to the meeting agendas and help faculty see how it impacts their work directly. Example is the meeting that was held at Klein College of Media and Communication in December 2023 with Sherri, Martyn and Maureen. Martyn currently working with Eric to set up meeting for College of Science and Technology.
Destination 2030 report	Discussion: Destination 2030 report (initially shared in June 2023)
Discussion: Committee actions for 2024 for inbound and outbound international efforts	<p>How can this committee be most active and useful regarding international programs and education abroad during this first half of 2024?</p> <p>Last year we focused on the Global Temple conference, but the conference will not take place in 2024.</p> <p>Discussion: How can we take on more leadership roles in the university?</p> <p>Committee members could attend “Yield events”. Students like to engage with faculty. Definition of “yield events”: Events prior to semesters in -person (e.g. experience Temple event) and virtual to encourage students who applied and are admitted to make the decision to actually come to Temple. This is crucial as roughly 20% of those who are admitted end up coming to Temple, thus, 80% of admitted students are not choosing Temple. These events are crucial to encourage students. Attending these yield events will require additional committee meetings. Eric and Cristina expressed interest. Also need to coordinate with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Richard Souvenir – Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives ○ Jose Aviles – Vice Provost for Enrollment Management <p>Opportunity for committee members to write for the Faculty Herald, which is now fully online.</p> <p>Take on the role of “faculty ambassadors”. Everyone on the committee should act as an ambassador and cheerleader for international education at Temple.</p> <p>Opportunity bring director for Fulbright Scholarships to join this meeting.</p> <p>Leadership Institute for the Mandela Fellowship. Background: Please see Martyn's email for details in consideration of hosting this Institute. Two of the prior fellows received a degree from Temple: Olive Michele Dol-Somse (912839006) Bachelor of Business Admin in Fall 2010, and Dwayne Wharton (906804389) Master's in Education in Spring 1997. Information about the Mandela Washington Fellowship was provided via a link: https://www.mandelawashingtonfellowship.org</p> <p>Scholars at Risk information was provided. It's a program to support scholars who are based in areas of crisis. https://www.scholarsatrisk.org. Some universities have a dedicated budget but Temple's role/ involvement is not clear / unlikely. Laura offered to look into this.</p>

April 26, 2024

Report on Forum on Education Abroad conference	Maureen Gordon and Sherri Hope Culver reported on attending the Education Abroad Annual conference in March. Given the relative small number of faculty who attend, our “on the ground” experience as faculty is especially helpful to the council members. One of the themes of the conference was on developing strategies to expand study abroad interest to other areas of the globe such as Africa. Temple University is positioned as a strategic partner with the organization given our overall engagement.
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<p>TU Language departments and their alignment with global initiatives and internationalization efforts.</p>	<p>Presentation from Cristina Gragnani and Sergio Franco on the Language programs offered in College of Liberal Arts. The presentation demonstrated that there is alignment not only to the global initiatives and international efforts but also to Temple's mission to providing access to a world class education.</p> <p>Van commented that the TU language department could serve as an excellent partner on interdisciplinary collaborative efforts among the faculty on the committee and the work they are doing. Van to send an email to the committee to create an ad hoc meeting to create a collaborative call.</p> <p>Hiram suggests the continued promotion of the TU language program as discussions are taking place in the review of general education curriculum. We could support the concept of incorporate foreign language programs into the general education curriculum. Neha suggests opportunity to collaborate in creating teaching cases studies for students.</p>
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