

**Faculty Senate Committee for International Programs
Annual Report: 2022-2023**

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The Faculty Senate International Programs Committee met 4 times during the academic year of 2022-2023 via Zoom:

- October 26, 2022
- December 15, 2022
- January 25, 2023
- May 1, 2023

Committee members:

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	CLA	Senior associate dean for academic affairs
Sayuri Falcao, Vivian		Student representative

Key Points of Discussion from Each Meeting:

October 26, 2022

1. Presentation from Acting Vice-Provost for Global Engagement, Emilia Zankina.

Her current focus is developing a strategic plan for global engagement. She will focus on three pillars during the 1st year of her role:

- #1: Develop strategic issues list.
- #2: Seek external funding opportunities to fund international activities
- #3: Operations. Resolve open/outstanding operational issues.

Sherri will be working with Emilia to develop a faculty survey to gather information about as many faculty international activities as possible. This information will shape her strategic initiatives.

2. Global Temple conference planning and committee participation

This is the first time the conference will be held in person since the COVID pandemic.

Years ago, this event was organized by the international programs committee. Over the years, IP committee efforts decreased and it was run mainly by the Global Engagement office. This year we want to work together to make it a joint effort of the IP committee and Global Engagement and rebuild the event. Discussion of the role of the IP committee throughout the conference.

December 15, 2022

1. Updates on Global Temple Conference (Maureen Gordon)

Conference will take place on Feb 1, 2023. Discussed all details, from speakers to room settings to judging submissions. Committee members will be primarily the group judging entries. All committee members should also plan to attend the conference and encourage attendance from our respective departments and colleges. There will be 4 different slots; 2 blocks of concurrent sessions in the morning, 2 in the afternoon. Hoping for a plenary with Emilia Zankina and her counterparts at other local universities working with her to encourage international students in Philadelphia.

2. Committee recruitment

Discussion of committee makeup. We want to make sure every college has representation. Currently, there is nobody from the Rome campus. The committee allows 20 members. Now we have 17. Candidates apply through the faculty senate who will then be in contact with Sherri.

Discussion about recruiting a student representative since the current rep (Vivian) will be stepping down at the end of 2022. Vivian suggests picking a student who is already engaged in international-related activities. Committee is encouraged to share suggestions.

3. Goals and responsibilities of the committee

Sherri would like to develop an orientation document to be used for on-boarding new committee members and to clarify the committee's responsibilities with current members. She has started developing a list of responsibilities (e.g., participating in Global Temple Conference, sharing committee updates with colleagues, attending the committee meetings twice a semester, encouraging inbound international students and outbound study abroad, etc.). She asks the committee if they have things to add to the list.

Full discussion of items to add to the list of committee responsibilities. Current list and future ideas.

Discussion on the need for guest speakers to keep the committee informed. Suggestions: Emilia Zankina, TU Japan Dean, TU Rome (Emilia), Head of TU Campus Safety.

January 25, 2023

1. Guest speaker: Matthew Wilson, Dean, TU Japan

Presentation provided by Dean Wilson included information on his background and his goals for TUJ. The presentation included information on enrollment figures at TUJ, curriculum changes (additional of E-Sports major), building (physical plant) changes, and the 40th anniversary celebration (on main campus) Feb.23. Announced upcoming opportunity for main campus faculty to teach at TUJ. Also time for Q&A.

2. Global Temple Conference Update

Conference is next Wednesday (Feb 1). Everyone should plan to attend. Vice-provost Zankina will moderate the plenary conversation regarding how Philadelphia is getting involved in international education and our role as leaders in that. Maureen Gordon provided detailed update on the speakers, schedule, promotional efforts, etc.

Committee members will be moderating (almost) all sessions. Wonderful involvement of IP committee!

3. New Business: Issues affecting international students and students studying abroad (inbound and outbound).

General discussion about issues of recruitment, safety, and curriculum. Not much time available for this discussion. It will be continued during a future meeting.

May 1, 2023 (hybrid meeting/in-person & zoom)

1. Annual report

A committee annual report must be submitted to faculty senate by May 5. Sherri will share a draft with the committee before sending to faculty senate.

2. Scholars at Risk update

Last year, after discussion during an IP committee meeting, a separate committee was created to discuss how Temple can best respond to global scholars at risk (or scholars in distress). The committee submitted a report to the Provost's office. We want to revisit the topic. Temple recently joined the organization Scholars at Risk. Assisting scholars at risk is in alignment with Temple's recent strategic goals and internationalization efforts. We need to talk with vice-provost Zankina to engage her office in this and possibly identify funding. Sherri will contact Emilia regarding this topic. **

3. Guest speaker planning

Discussion of suggestions for speakers for next year. Ideas: visiting scholars, the E.D. of Scholars at Risk organization, updates from Maureen Gordon, updates from Emilia Zankina. Campus Safety lead, Jennifer Griffin.

4. Committee issues

Overview of Members leaving (1) and joining (4). Still need to recruit for a student member. Need to select a new Secretary. Van Hellerslia volunteers to serve in this role. Sherri asks if there is anyone that would like to serve as chair so that we can do effective succession planning.

A meeting of the Scholars and Risk task force was held on February 22 (including 3 members of the IP committee).

**After the submission of the Task Force report, Dean Zankina confirmed the following in an email to the Task Force on August 30, 2022

1. Provide up to \$50,000 in tuition support to current students affected by the war in Ukraine (funds to come from the Office of Global Engagement).
2. Move ahead with inviting up to five (5) scholars whose academic work has been disrupted due to the war in Ukraine through such programs as the Scholars at Risk and Scholar Rescue Fund.
3. Work with individual colleges and schools to earmark support specifically for doctoral students affected by the crisis in Ukraine.
4. Authorization and logistics for a giving fund are being worked out now