

**Faculty Senate Committee for International Programs
Annual Report: 2025-2026**

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Meetings: The Faculty Senate International Programs Committee met 4 times during the academic year of 2025-2026:

- September 5, 2025
- December 5, 2025
- January 16, 2026
- March 27, 2026

Email Blasts: Throughout 2025-2026, I sent out regular email communications in which I amalgamated resources shared by Martyn Miller, Assistant Vice President, Global Engagement, and Maureen Gordon, Director, Education Abroad & Overseas Campuses. This included advocacy efforts, visa & immigration policy updates, scholarship information, and other resources.

Committee members 2025-2026:

NAME	COLLEGE	TITLE
Baker, Christina	CLA	Associate Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese
Borguet, Eric	CST	Professor, Department of Chemistry
Culver, Sherri Hope	KLN	Professor, Department of Media Studies and Production; Director, Center for Media and Information Literacy.
Franco, Sergio	CLA	Associate Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese
Gerst, Katie	FSBM	Professor, Fox School of Business, Department of Marketing
Hellerslia, Van	COP	Clinical Associate Professor
Kunkel, Thilo	STHM	Professor of Sport and Recreation Management
Liu, Di	CEHD	Associate Professor of Instruction of Teaching & Learning
MaGee, Micah	TFMA/BOYER	Assistant Professor of Film & Media Arts
McCarthy, Barry	LAW	Associate Professor of Law
Neubert, Karl	TFMA, TUJ	Associate Professor of Film & Media Arts
Porrata-Doria, Rafael	Beasley School of Law	Professor of Law
Power, Ksenia		Assistant Professor, Depart. of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Tuohy, Brian	KATZ	Assistant Professor, Population Health Sciences

Wray, Matt	CLA	Professor, Department of Sociology
Wu, Jingwei	CPH	Associate Professor and Primary Research Faculty, Biostatistics Core Center, Dept. of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
EX-OFFICIOS		
Moerer, Emily		Ex-officio, Interim 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, CLA
Longo, Juliet		Student representative

Key Points of Discussion from Each Meeting:

September 5, 2025

Study Abroad update	Presentation from Maureen Gordon, Director, Education Abroad and Overseas Campuses. Discussion and questions regarding places of growth and improvement.
Faculty Senate Resolution	Eric Bourget and Mohammad Kiani presented about the Resolution in Defense of Academic Freedom that the IP committee drafted and supported during Spring 2025.
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. Discussion about how the current political climate was impacting recruitment, retention, and visa programs.
Discussion of Committee Interests	The members of the committee discussed future speakers, such as those affiliated with Fulbright programs.

December 5, 2025

Gilman Day	Ksenia Power shared reflections related to her participation with Gilman Day. She also suggested members of the committee help during the February Gilman Day event.
TU Japan	Matt Wray, Professor and Chair of Sociology spent a semester at TU Japan, Kyoto campus. He shared information about the campus's growth,

	student profile, various program options such as summer vs. semester, and the city itself.
Study Abroad update	Maureen Gordon, Director, Education Abroad and Overseas Campuses presented an update on Global Engagement Week 2025 and plans for Global Engagement Week 2026. The theme for 2026 will be Italy to celebrate TU Rome's 60 th anniversary. She also shared overall observations about the Faculty Development Lab, Global Seminar planning, and staffing updates.
Areas of interest	Discussion of committee interest in three main areas: Global Engagement Week; Student resource toolkit; Showcasing Faculty teaching abroad.

January 16, 2026

International Students & Visa Policies	Martyn Miller, Assistant Vice President, Office of Global Engagement led a conversation about current student enrollment data that suggested a steady performance. He also shared updates related to visa processing, notably a pause in issuing visas, and Trump's proposed changes to "Duration of Status." Miller also shared insights into the H1-B visa changes.
Study Abroad Program Updates	Maureen Gordon, Director, Office of Global Engagement shared updates about Study Abroad programs and concerns for overall health of programs facing application and enrollment declines. Noted that TU Rome and TU Japan are performing well and have steady interest from students. Gordon shared the seven faculty-led programs for Summer 2026 and offered staffing updates in Global Engagement Office.
Planning our goals and activities. How we can be most impactful in 2026?	Three areas of interest / action identified: <u>1. Global Engagement Week faculty participation</u> • Can be a panel with representation from IP / International Faculty. <u>2. Student resource toolkit creation / Reaching students</u> <u>3. Showcasing Faculty teaching abroad / engaged in Global Education Efforts</u>

March 27, 2026

Fulbright Student Program	Barbara Gorka, Director, Scholar Development and Fellowships Advising presented about Temple's success as a top producer of Fulbright recipients. She also discussed the different kinds of Fulbright awards students can apply for, including graduate students. She also noted the most common destination countries and level of competitiveness for awards. To close, she noted the political climate as creating difficulties.
Updates on Summer 2026 Study Abroad	Maureen Gordon, Director, Office of Global Engagement shared updates regarding summer 2026 enrollment trends. She noted that the war and tuition and housing costs as leading factors in enrollment decline. Gordon also led a conversation about TU Japan's growth and need to recruit students.
Global Engagement Week 2026	Faculty from or recruited by IP members will participate in a Faculty Panel on October 21 st at 3 pm.
Looking Ahead to 2026-2027	Suggestions from the committee to invite someone from TU Japan Tokyo and other abroad programs to speak. We also discussed if our meeting time was working and how to accommodate the largest number of group members. For 2026-2027, Christina Baker and Ksenia Power will Co-Chair the committee. This was a suggestion to ensure there is mentoring and a succession plan for leadership roles.