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Annual Report

The International Programs Committee met five times in the 2018-19 academic year:

September 17th, 2018

October 8th, 2018

December 3rd, 2018

February 15th, 2019

April 16th, 2019

As per our revised charge, we extended the number of members from 15 to 20.

A new chair was unanimously elected in fall 2018.

The role of the International Programs Committee is interpretive, consultative and advisory, and it serves all the colleges and campuses of Temple University. It works in close collaboration with the Office of Education Abroad and Overseas Campuses and the Office of International Affairs. Foci for discussion include matters of consequence to Temple students studying abroad, international students studying at Temple campuses, and American students from other universities who wish to study at Temple. We also explore opportunities for Temple programs, faculty, staff, and students to engage in multidisciplinary and scholarly pursuits, which develop and support cross-cultural and international perspectives. In addition, the committee supports efforts to infuse an international perspective across the TU curricula through courses, experiences and learning communities.

We often have Martyn Miller, Assistant Vice President, OIA, give reports on international student recruiting and enrollment. At our December 3rd meeting, for instance, Martyn reported on the latter and noted a slight decline in numbers this academic year. Other representatives from OIA also report on issues relevant to faculty. At our April 16th meeting, Erica Clemons, Director, Global Programs, reported on faculty opportunities abroad at partner institutions in China, Korea, Spain, Taiwan, and Germany, as also on internationalization grants.

Alistair Howard, Assistant Vice President, EAOC, keeps us updated on a regular basis on numbers of Temple students studying abroad, faculty-led programs, as also new initiatives and developments. A case in point is his mention of a recently created Board of Visitors to Rome. Representatives from EAOC keep us abreast of key developments in travel policies. At our April 16th meeting, Jacleen Mowery, Director, International Risk Management, reported on the shaping of a new policy for undergraduates, graduates, and faculty that will monitor and assist international travels.

This academic year, at our October 8th meeting, we had presentations from Dean Hilary Link (TU Rome) who provided an overview of recent developments there. For instance, Mary Conran (Fox), one of our committee members, was appointed Chief Academic Officer in Rome. Further, Vice President for Research, Michele Massucci, devoted part of the Presidential Humanities and Arts funding for Rome faculty. (Please see minutes from this meeting for further details). We were also joined by George Miller, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, TU Japan. He provided an overview of key issues and developments there (Please see minutes). One such development is the opening of a new building at Showa Women's University in fall 2019. This being in a real Tokyo neighborhood as opposed to a business/embassy district will enhance opportunities for community involvement.

Other reports of note this year were ones on drawing minority students into Education Abroad programs. Committee member Hiram Aldarondo (CLA) and Sara Sequin, Associate Director, EAOC, presented at our February 15th meeting. At the same meeting, one of our student members Le Rico did a powerful report on the *Freely Magazine*, "a Philly-based multicultural media channel for international students and anyone who shows appreciation for diversity and cultural uniqueness." Le Rico is the President of this magazine

The IP Committee also organizes and hosts the annual Global Temple Conference. A sub-committee reviews proposals, generally on travels, studies, and research abroad, submitted

by students, faculty, and staff. This year we received 47 proposals and hosted the Global Temple Conference on April 3rd.

Respectfully submitted,

Srimati Mukherjee.