

University of North Alabama
International Programs Committee

Tuesday, May 3, 2022
2 pm | Powers Hall Conference Room

Minutes

Present:

Butler Cain, Claudia Vance, LaKeva Harris, Lorie Johnson, Stephanie Coker, Clarissa Hall, Gabriela Carrasco, and Kat Richards

Dr. Johnson and Dr. Cain thanked the committee for their work this academic year.

Dr. Cain shared information about Safe Abroad and his discussion with Amber Fite-Morgan related to this potential third-party service provider for global travel.

Dr. Cain provided an update on upcoming faculty-led trips abroad, student scholarships and anticipated student travel.

The committee discussed potentially funding multiple trips abroad for one student if the trips are different (different programs). The committee inquired about funding for faculty who would like to scout a potential study abroad. Dr. Cain is investigating this possibility.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Dr. Cain provided this follow up via email after meeting with Provost Alexander:

I met with Dr. Alexander last week, and we had a productive conversation. Here are the highlights.

Education Abroad Scholarships

- All Ed Abroad scholarships come out of the same financial account. There's no distinction between short-term and long-term programs.
- Non-degree-seeking faculty and staff are not eligible for Ed Abroad scholarships. The reasoning is that scholarships are prioritized for degree-seeking students, and non-degree-seeking faculty/staff already have the financial advantage of tuition remission.

- Students can be eligible for a second Ed Abroad scholarship award if they are participating in two distinct programs during the same scholarship application cycle. For example, if a student is taking a faculty-led program in the summer and an ISEP Exchange program the following fall, the student could submit two Ed Abroad scholarship applications during the same application period. The only caveat is that a second scholarship will not be offered to the same individual if awarding that scholarship would deny someone else the opportunity to receive a scholarship.
- The scholarship amount was not part of this most recent discussion, so the scholarship award of \$1,600 will remain the same for all types of Ed Abroad experiences.

Faculty/Staff Site Visits

- Dr. Alexander supports faculty/staff site visits for proposed Education Abroad programs, but his position is that such visits should be approved and funded through each college's Dean's Office.
- We'll put this on the agenda for our first meeting of the fall '22 semester to consider whether the IPO Committee would like to make a formal recommendation that college deans support faculty/staff site visits.

Risk Management/Assessment

- Dr. Alexander supports the IPO Committee's position that UNA needs a robust risk management/assessment program for international travel, and he supports exploring third-party providers to meet our needs. Ms. Amber Fite-Morgan and I will begin that exploration process this summer.

Thank you again for your service during the '21-'22 academic year. I have enjoyed serving with all of you, and I hope you have a terrific summer season.

Sincerely,

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