

ANNUAL REPORT

*International Programs Offerings  
Committee*

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I. Executive Summary

The Committee's focus this year was to observe and address the needs presented by the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to international student travel. For 2020-2021, the Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost allocated a budget of \$250,000 for travel scholarships to all students who met the criteria for faculty lead education abroad trips and Magellan. Unfortunately, university international travel was not authorized during the AY. Thus, the budget remained untouched.

The Committee's Charge (from the Shared Governance)

- To serve as an advisory committee to international programs/offering on campus;
- To assist the Office of International Affairs with information related to international programs/offering on campus;
- To provide a mechanism for coordinating all programs/offering within various college as well as other areas on campus;
- To provide appraisal and approval of education abroad scholarship applications;
- To serve as a mechanism for international offerings/program development;
- To handle any proposals the committee may make affecting university policy according to section C.2 "Shared Governance Procedure for Policy Change Recommendations";
- To submit a final written report electronically by the first day of the fall semester to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost with a copy sent to the Chair of the SGEC.

II. The Committee met virtually in September 2020. Most of the administrative tasks were completed via email.

III. What were the Committee's actions and accomplishments this year relative to each item of the charge?

The committee's primary focus was completion of the proposal for a Pilot Program funding request. No scholarships were awarded in AY 2020-2021 and funds from AY 2019-2020 were tracked by the Coordinator of Education Abroad and International Exchange.

**Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, all international travel was cancelled in March 2020 and remained cancelled until May 2021.**

IV. What were the Committee's formal recommendations?

- The committee recommends a Pilot Program Grant: Faculty-led Education Abroad Program. (proposal attached)

V. What does the Committee plan to accomplish:

A. In the coming year?

- For the 2021/2022 year, the committee hopes to resume the evaluation of scholarship applications and to work with the Coordinator of Education Abroad and International Exchange more efficiently to reduce the time spent on scholarship evaluation. We also want to work with the administration and faculty to identify ways to assist trip leaders with trip specifics that become very cumbersome.
- Start the Pilot Program if travel is restored internationally.

B. In future years?

Continue the above.

VI. What are the Committee's weaknesses?

This year, the committee's weakness was the cancellation of international travel and the challenges to find alternatives to recreate the study abroad experience in a virtual environment.

A. What can the Shared Governance Committee help do you to address the weakness?

N/A

VII. Comments: None