

**University of North Alabama
International Programs & Offerings Committee**

October 6, 2023

Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Dr. Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela, Dr. LaKeva Harris, Dr. Vicki Howell, Mia Batchelor, Dr. Lisa Blankinship, Rahul Kumra, Melanie Looser, Julie Taylor, Dr. Po Hu, Dr. Claudia Vance, Dr. Cheryl Price, Dr. Matt Oglesby

Meeting Location

The Committee met in the Raburn Hall Conference Room (Raburn 305).

Committee Charge

The Committee reviewed its charge in the Shared Governance document for the 2023-2024 academic year.

2022-2023 Review

The Committee reviewed the actions of the 2022-2023 IPO Committee. The Committee awarded 231 individual scholarships worth \$369,900. This was funded by the IPO budget of \$200,000 and additional resources supplied from the Colleges. The committee must address ways to stay within the \$200,000 budget going forward. The Committee also reviewed last year's recommendation to establish one scholarship deadline.

Scholarship Amount

The Committee decided to reduce the individual scholarship award to \$1000. If additional funds are available after initial awards are issued, the committee may issue additional scholarship awards.

Motion to Approve: Alejandra

Second: Claudia

Scholarship Award Criteria

The Committee approved the following criteria for education abroad scholarships:

- Required
 - Full-time, degree-seeking (Motion to approve: Vicki; second: Alejandra)
 - 3.0 institutional GPA (Motion to approve: Claudia; second: Vicki)
- Preferences
 - First-time study abroad (Motion to approve: Alejandra; second: Claudia)
- Additional criteria to consider (if necessary)
 - To discuss at a future meeting

Exceptions to Scholarship Deadline

Committee members will consider the following proposal and respond through email:

- There may be times when an education abroad falls outside the typical application deadline. Students for these programs may still be considered for scholarship awards. The IPO committee will review these cases on an individual basis as they occur.

Other Business

- Vice-chair Nominations
 - Dr. Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela, Dr. Lisa Blankinship, Dr. Vicki Howell, Ms. Melanie Looser, and Ms. Julie Taylor are eligible.
- Microsoft Teams group
 - Information will be housed here for current and future IPO committees.
- 2023-2024 study abroad programs
 - Reviewed submitted list of education abroad programs for the upcoming year.

Adjourn