

University of North Alabama
International Programs Committee

Luncheon Meeting

Friday, September 24, 2021
Powers Hall Conference Room
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Minutes

Members Present: Zhang, Cain, Johnson, Harris, Richards, L. Vance, C. Vance, Hall, Oglesby, Coker

Dr. Johnson and Dr. Butler welcomed committee members as co-chairs of the committee..

Dr. Cain reviewed the committee's charge and shared his vision for expanding the committee's role on campus. He shared that study abroad scholarships are still on hold because of Covid-19 restrictions; more information is forthcoming. He suggested that departments make plans for resuming international travel, which may open again by summer 2022, but don't make financial commitments. Scholarship money will be available if travel resumes Summer 2022. The Provost has already approved \$250,000 for this scholarship funding. Auburn is the only university in Alabama currently allowing international travel beginning Spring 2022.

The committee discussed possibly revising the scholarship application.

Dr. Zhang shared about potential study abroad partnerships with Universities in other countries.

Committee members discussed the potential of this committee. Members agreed to convene the committee monthly.

A Doodle Poll will be sent to decide the next meeting date.

A boxed lunch was provided by Dr. Chunsheng Zhang and International Affairs.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.