

University of North Alabama
International Programs & Offerings Committee

Friday, September 2, 2022
Powers Hall Conference Room
1 – 2 p.m.

MINUTES

Meeting Attendees

Dr. Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela, Dr. Butler Cain, Dr. Stephanie Coker, Dr. LaKeva Harris, Ms. Melanie Looser, Dr. Mathew Oglesby, Mr. Kabir Oyewale, Mr. Garret Statom, Dr. Claudia Vance.

The Committee discussed an item carried over from the spring 2022 semester regarding site visit grants. The Provost supports faculty/staff site visits for proposed Education Abroad programs and prefers such programs be administered and funded through each academic college's Dean's Office. The IPO will continue discussing this matter after reviewing a previous IPO Committee's site visit proposal draft. The Committee will also continue discussion of a mechanism to coordinate potential site visits that intend to explore the same location.

Dr. Cain provided an update of current risk management discussions regarding international travel. The Provost has commissioned Dr. Cain to initiate a comprehensive review of Education Abroad during the 2022-2023 academic year, including issues related to risk management and safety. For now, the academic colleges are responsible for engaging in risk management and assessment for their own short-term programs.

Regarding Education Abroad, the Committee discussed several items, including the following:

- An update on summer Ed Abroad programs and fall '22 outbound student exchanges
- Whether the Office of Student Conduct should perform background checks for students participating in Education Abroad programs
 - This matter will be further addressed with Amber Fite-Morgan, UNA's General Counsel, and the Office of Student Conduct
- A new Education Abroad experience for the Presidential Mentors Academy
- The upcoming Education Abroad Scholarship Application deadline is November 1

A few issues were held over for the next meeting. Those include a discussion about whether all UNA students and employees should hold additional insurance coverage through iNext International for all international travel; the Committee's vice-chair election; and whether the Committee should consider changing its name.