

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Description:

The primary function of the International Programs Committee is to review and recommend for approval the curriculum of Cal Poly international, for-credit study programs. This includes an evaluation of the mode of instruction and academic standards of each program, taking into account the international context and appropriate learning outcomes. Budgetary oversight and the review of health and safety considerations are not primary functions of this committee. However, they will be taken into consideration when assessing the general strength of program proposals. Other functions of the committee include:

- Evaluation of the co-curricular elements and overall merit of program proposals/reviews to ensure they meet Cal Poly, CSU and international education industry standards.
- Providing advice to faculty members, departments, and colleges proposing for-credit study abroad opportunities for Cal Poly students and establish guidelines for these programs.
- Reviewing new program proposals as well as existing programs on a rotating basis to facilitate and support the growth of excellent international study programs that meet and enhance the strategic needs of the institution.

Charge and Responsibilities:

The International Programs Committee shall meet two to three times per quarter to: (1) regularly review and recommend for approval the curriculum of organized international study programs associated with Cal Poly for the continued granting of academic credit; (2) recommend policy guidelines for the evaluation of new program proposals and the review of ongoing study abroad programs offered by Cal Poly for academic credit; (3) follow the most recent academic standards for international study programs enumerated by the California State University System.

Membership:

Membership of the International Programs Committee is not fixed; however, it must include faculty from each of the colleges. The director of the International Center will request that the deans and the Academic Senate Executive committee submit nominations for membership to the International Center. The director of the International Center will present a slate to the provost who will then appoint members for a two-year term. Membership includes seven to nine faculty, the chair of the General Education Governance Board, a representative of the Office of Academic Programs and Planning and the director of the International Center (*ex officio*).

Reporting:

The International Programs Committee shall make regular recommendations on new program approvals and on-going program reviews to the director of the International Center. Additionally, the committee chair will provide an annual report to the director with a copy to the provost no later than June 1. The annual report will summarize the activity of the committee and highlight trends and any concerns.