

**ANNUAL REPORT
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**International Programs and Offerings Committee
University of North Alabama
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- Consideration will be given to students whose education abroad program falls outside the typical application deadline. The committee will review these cases on an individual basis as they occur. No more than 10% of the scholarship budget may be allocated outside of the normal application deadline.

Relative to the second charge, the committee provided direction to the Assistant Vice Provost for International Affairs regarding the Education Abroad Scholarship process.

Relative to the third charge, the committee encouraged all colleges to submit a list of all

The committee will need to review and monitor the recent criteria change to continue to ensure fiscal responsibility.

In previous years, the main focus of the committee has been on the Education Abroad scholarship process and awards. However, Education Abroad is only one element of the charge of the committee. In the coming years, the committee will seek out additional opportunities to support and promote international offerings beyond Education Abroad.

VII. Committee weaknesses?

Similar to last year's report, meeting attendance and committee make-up are two significant weaknesses. Obviously, it is difficult to arrange monthly meetings at convenient times for representatives from university administration, faculty, staff, and students. Additionally, active committee members tend to be concentrated in one or two colleges.

An additional weakness stems from an almost-exclusive focus on the Education Abroad program. This focus is unavoidable as the awarding of scholarships is a time-intensive project. However, the committee needs to allot additional time to focus on international offerings beyond Education Abroad.

With the committee working closely with the Office of International Affairs, the committee benefits from stability within the leadership and roles in OIA. Position and leadership changes disrupt the continuity and effectiveness of the committee. Multiple changes in OIA over the last several years have presented challenges; however, the committee has adjusted well.

The Shared Governance Committee could address the make-up of the IPO committee by ensuring a balance of participation from the Colleges. Additional appointments could be made with faculty or staff with experience in International Offerings outside of Education Abroad.

VIII. Comments