

**Standing Committee**  
**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**

International Programs  
1:00-2:30 pm, October 13, 2022  
Via Zoom Link

Committee members present (check applicable):

Almond, Glen	x	James, Elizabeth	x
Blank, Gary	x	Kagendo, Joy	x
Bustle, Michael	x	Mullins, Tara	x
Cassidy, Sean	o	Seth Murray	x
Cisneros, Jose	o	Narayan, Roger	x
Golub, Robert	o	Reiskind, Michael	x
Hardenbrook, Hayley	o	Tonkonogy, Susan (Chair)	x
Hergeth, Helmut	x	Gluck, Cassandra	x
Hobbs, Heidi	x	visitors	
Hooper, Percy	o	Adrienne Tucker	x
Hunt, Jessica	o	Lauren Ball	x
Igbino, Adesuwa	o	Tony Shurer	x
Dow, Tom	x	Lexi Hyde	x

CHAIR SIGNATURE		
Chair Name: (Print) Susan L. Tonkonogy	Chair Signature: 	Date: 09/08/22

## Minutes

I. Sue Tonkonogy, Chair, called the meeting to order and the group introduced themselves

II. Heidi Hobbs, Interim Vice Provost, Office of Global Engagement – Offered updates on Global Engagement funding – Global Project Supplement Fund and GEI, the Passport Fair and Global Faculty Director search.

III. The group voted to support a Passport Fair to be held November 17 from 10 to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.. Final info will be forwarded from Beth James, Director of OIS. Participation will be limited to students, faculty, staff and their immediate families.

IV. The group went into breakout groups to discuss the following general question:

How can faculty promote initiatives of the NCSU Office of International Services?

Scholar support (Beth James)

We want to emphasize to faculty that they are not expected to know current immigration rules or to advise international students about immigration issues.

We need to find a way to encourage faculty to contact OIS early, before any problems arise.  
Faculty should also remind international students to talk to their OIS advisors.  
It is the student's responsibility to know and to follow the rules.

If you are not in a lab, how can OIS provide a visitor?  
Specialist category application pending from OIS to include artists in residence, etc.  
What is a scholar? Someone here on a J1 visa, OIS sponsors, as well as IIE and Fulbright – generally have BA and come here to do research.  
You don't need funding to sponsor, they can use other resources.  
Short term up to 6 months, research scholar has to be at least 3 weeks or up to 5 years, depending on status.

Student (immigration focused) (Lexi Hyde)

When should faculty and students contact OIS?  
It is especially important to refer students OIS if:

1. they plan to seek employment.
2. they are under enrolled.
3. they are in academic difficulty.
4. they plan to travel outside the United States.

OIS deals with full degree, Study Abroad deals with Exchange students.

Student academic support (Tony Shurer)

Being an international student is challenging and there is a cultural shift when they arrive to adapt to their environment. There is a difference between expectation and reality - that is Tony's focus.

OIS Academic and Student Success initiatives:

We want to encourage faculty and students to view academics as its own form of cultural transition.  
OIS gets involved when there is a difference between what the student expected and what they experience.  
Our overall goal is to contribute to the students' sense of belonging.

How to advise and get to core of what is going on. They have to maintain their immigration status and deal with academic probation, other challenges and Tony's office responds to them.

Programs/student affairs support (Lauren Ball)

Challenges international students face – faculty member are an important touchpoint for our students.

Some challenges that our international students face:  
The cultural shift, recognizing that academic expectations differ around the world.  
Financial challenges, particularly for international graduate students because these students are considered "out of state" for the duration of their graduate programs.

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Housing challenges, both cost and availability in the face of devalued currency. The Office of Global Engagement has created a housing task force to address this issue. CIP is represented by Jose Cisneros.

Transportation. There is a car pool list in the transportation office.

<https://transportation.ncsu.edu/carpool-vanpool/>

How to get the message out?

Committee members discussed suggestions that departments and academic programs could employ to host a specific welcome event for international students.

Utilize videos via DEI Reporter registry.

Add an international slide that would cover resources

COE has had a welcome event for their students who identify as international at Global Courtyard – smaller group but an opportunity to welcome their group of students. It is a way to build that relationship and a way for them to meet faculty outside the classroom.

Overall International Student Numbers for Fall 2022: NDS - 122, UGRD - 629 Grad – 3144

Meeting was adjourned