Policy Statement

The International Oversight Committee (IOC) is a university-wide standing committee appointed by the President. The IOC does not report to the Academic Senate of The University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas).

The IOC has been established to develop guidelines and formulate policies to maintain the health and safety of UT Dallas students, faculty, and staff who study, participate in international conferences, or conduct research and/or business internationally. The Committee is charged with assessing levels of risk in countries or regions with significant health or safety concerns, and where University-related programs and travel are occurring or proposed. The Committee is dedicated to preserving academic freedom and the University’s robust research agenda, while remaining committed to the safety and security of UT Dallas students, faculty, and staff during international travel.

Committee members include representatives from across campus, including faculty members, administrative leaders, and international travel and risk specialists. The committee meets each month as required to review international program proposals to high-risk regions, and to review and discuss policies.

The Committee is charged with:

1. Assessment of levels of risk in countries or regions with significant health or safety concerns, and where University-related programs and travel are occurring or proposed; evaluation of risk mitigation plans; committee-level approval of high-risk region travel requests for individual travelers, group travelers, and education abroad programs;
2. Participating in the University’s international emergency response, by providing analysis of risk mitigation options when appropriate;
3. Development of guidelines and formulation of policies to maintain the health and safety of UT Dallas students, faculty and staff who conduct research and/or business internationally.

The Committee will be composed of the following eight voting members appointed by the President: four faculty members recommended by the Committee on Committees, an Associate Provost, a representative from the Office of the Vice President for Research, the
Dean of Students, and the Assistant Vice President for International Programs. The following persons will serve as non-voting members: the International Center Risk and Insurance Analyst, the Director of Education Abroad, the University Attorney, a representative from the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, and a representative from Human Resources.

The Assistant Vice President for International Programs serves as the Responsible University Official. The term of office for Committee members will be for two years, and the President can reappoint members for additional terms. The Committee will determine a schedule of meetings that includes at least two per semester at a time and place designated by the Chair. Additional meetings will be called by the Chair or RUO as may be necessary.

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