

**International Education Committee**  
**Annual report to Faculty senate 2023 – 24**  
**Submitted by Dr. Sourav Chakraborty, Chair**

**Committee members:** Lori Blake, Sourav Chakraborty, Ying Chen, Silvia Corbera-Lopez, Matthew Ciscel, Michelle Dischino, Martha Cruy (Fall 2023 only in place of Silvia Corbera Lopez), Marisa Mealy, Oluyinka Oyewumi, Brian Sommers/Paul Patterson (IS program co-director), Momar Ndiaye (CIE, non-voting members), John Tully (special Advisor to Provost)

The IEC held a total of six online meeting during 2023-24 academic year. Sourav Chakraborty and Ying Chen were elected as chair and secretary in September 2024.

1. Course Abroad

The CIE provided regular reports regarding study and course abroad programs. Number of course abroad courses were increasing after pandemic. Both Course and Study abroad programs are actively promoted at CCSU although funding sources are becoming limited.

IEC in collaboration with CIE organized an online workshop in March for faculty to help with course abroad workshop proposals. We have both in-person and virtual attendance. There were about 10-12 people in attendance.

IEC worked with Provost's task force on International Engagement on Operational and Organization this year and provided a summary report which was included in task force's report to Provost.

In April 2024, IEC's lecture series sub-committee invited Shimon Anisfield of Yale School of Environment to present a lecture on titled "Past and Future of Water".

2. Funding exploration sub-committee

IEC has formed an ad-hoc subcommittee to work with Drs. John Tully and CIE to explore new funding options to support CCSU students for study and courses abroad. This committee will keep exploring internal and external funding options to help students travel. The committee is waiting on Task Force report and have established five specific action items that they would like to work on during next semesters.

3. International Studies Program

Waiting on the task force report to plan the next phase for international studies.

4. Faculty International Travel Grant (Hyundai grant)

This grant is being restarted and IEC is actively engaged in reviewing the grant application.

#### 5. IEC By-Laws revision

IEC established a specific meeting time for the committee in the last cycle. The approved revision was communicated to committee on committee and is sent to senate for ratification. Upon recommendation from committee of committees, IEC is also actively discussing the membership of the College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences into IEC. The proposed changes will be communicated with committee on committees in the fall 2024.