

# INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

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## History of International Advisory Board

The Texas A&M International Advisory Board (IAB) was founded in 1992 by President William H. Mobley to assist Texas A&M University in developing global initiatives, supporting student international experiences, and promoting its role as a world class teaching, research, and service university.

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## Board Purpose & Pledge

In an increasingly global society, our collective futures will depend on the capabilities of a well educated workforce; the communal spirit of people who appreciate the richness of diverse cultures and perspectives; and the will of leaders committed to advancing the human condition.

Through its heritage of service, commitment to academic excellence, and its ability to create leaders of character committed to serving the greater good, Texas A&M University is well positioned to have a global impact in the generations to come. **We, The Texas A&M International Advisory Board, pledge to utilize individual member expertise and personal networks of connections around the world to:**

- ❖ Enrich Texas A&M students' cultural awareness and global acumen;
- ❖ Advance Texas A&M's faculty scholarship through mutually beneficial partnerships;
- ❖ Recognize faculty and student excellence in international efforts and student support;
- ❖ Assist Texas A&M University's administration in globalizing its mission, vision, goals and objectives; and
- ❖ Promote Texas A&M globally as a preeminent higher education institution.

## Primary & Continual Focus:

- ❖ *Create Intellectual Curiosity for International Perspectives and Cultural Awareness*
  - FOCUS Program & Freshman Leadership Organizations of MSC
    - Host regular interaction events with first generation college students.
    - Consult on leadership development opportunities and host interaction events with these freshman leaders.
  - International Student Association
    - Engage with international students to ensure Aggie experience.
- ❖ *Academy of Future International Leaders*
  - Mentor student members; facilitate international experiences (study abroad, internships, etc.); identify financial resources for programming that broadens impact of AFIL students to freshmen, other students, and other leadership initiatives of Texas A&M.
- ❖ *International Efforts Consultation*
  - *International Programs Committee & Vice Provost*
    - Consult with college administrators, international affairs staff, and faculty to connect A&M faculty scholarship with global partnership opportunities; identify supporting resource opportunities.
    - Advise on the development of business plans and operations of international teaching and research centers.
  - International Studies Department Advisory Board
    - Advise department head on curricular, co-curricular, strategic plans, and initiatives to ensure future of International Studies Department.

## ***Texas A&M International Advisory Board— Operations***

### ***University Interface Protocol:***

Public Partnership & Outreach in the Office of the Provost will be the primary communications and facilitation interface for the Texas A&M International Advisory Board. The Associate Vice President (AVP) for External Affairs and assigned staff will coordinate International Board communication, interaction and event logistics.

Faculty, Department, College, and Program *requests* for International Advisory Board assistance will be facilitated and reviewed by external affairs staff and communicated to the IAB, along with regular campus updates on an as-needed basis, by the AVP External Affairs.

The IAB will meet at least twice a year to facilitate consultation with Texas A&M administrators, college deans, faculty and program coordinators; and evaluate impact of primary focus and subcommittees. The AVP External Affairs will work with the Executive Committee to announce meeting dates at least 6 months in advance.

Briefing Materials and Agendas will be shared at least 1 month before the meeting date. Meeting agendas will, at a minimum, include primary focus highlights, special initiatives coordination, and consultation opportunities for board members with colleges, faculty, students, and appropriate university staff.

### ***Board Composition:***

Members will represent a diversity of experiences, perspectives, and regional network relationships. There will be 40 to 45 total members. Members will serve 3-year rotating terms (renewable at University and Member discretion).

Nominations of potential members may be provided by IAB Members, Texas A&M Faculty, administrators, and friends. The Executive Committee will review and recommend nominations and renewals to Provost.

### ***Executive Committee:***

An Executive Committee (EC) will be composed of 5 members of the IAB. The EC will assist the Provost in utilization of the IAB to support university priorities. The EC will review new member nominations, member renewals, and emeritus(a) invites. The EC will consult with the Provost on agendas and follow-up items from semiannual meetings.

In consultation with the President and Deans, the Provost will invite 5 IAB members to serve on EC with rotating 3-year terms. Of the 5-member Executive Committee, a chair and chair elect will be invited by the Provost to serve offsetting terms to ensure board ongoing focus and special initiatives consistency.

### ***Emeritus/Emerita Members:***

Members who distinguish themselves in service to the IAB Purpose and Pledge while bringing honor to Texas A&M's global initiatives may be recognized as *Member Emeritus/Emerita* in lieu of membership renewal. As an emeritus/emmerita member the member will be invited to the annual International Advisory Board Dinner and Award ceremony held each Spring and other special events as determined.

## **Texas A&M University International Advisory Board *Subcommittees***

### ***Operations Subcommittee***

***Charge:*** review, support, and advise Vice Provost on existing and proposed formal international engagements including but not limited to oversight of Mexico Civil Association, Costa Rica Civil Association, Santa Chiara Advisory Board, and external review of MOAs.

### ***Awards & Membership Subcommittee***

***Charge:*** in conjunction with IPC, Deans, and Provost, review international awards, serve on selection committees, build nominations pipelines, and support EC in review of new IAB membership as appropriate.

### ***International Studies Department Advisory Board Subcommittee***

***Charge:*** in concert with Department Head for International Studies, a subset of IAB will serve as an advisory Board for the program. By engaging with faculty of department, will review curriculum, strategic planning, special initiatives, and opportunities for investment.