

# 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.

Restructuring in 2010-2014 realigned the international efforts of Texas A&M University from a singular central office to a focus on activities of the faculty and their college, with professional centralized, student and faculty service, global partnership services and processes to ensure the student, program and partnership success. The IAB in partnership with newly formed International Programs Committee of Faculty Senate reaffirmed this purpose and pledge.

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## Board Purpose & Pledge

In an increasingly global society, our collective futures will be dependent 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 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*
  - Jordan Institute & Freshman Leadership Organizations of MSC
    - Student mentorship and 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
- *International Efforts Consultation*
  - *International Programs Committee & Office of Provost*
    - Consult with college administrators, global partnership services 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 signature international partnerships & global resources
  - *International Affairs Department Advisory*
    - Advise department head on curricular, co-curricular, strategic plans and initiatives to ensure future of International Affairs Department
- Global Engagement Plan Implementation
  - Support Vice Provost & Chief International Officer to implement elements of the **A&M Abroad: Global Engagement Plan**,  
<http://globalsupport.tamu.edu/A-M-Abroad-Global-Program-Support>

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

### **University Interface:**

The Office of the Provost will be the primary communications and facilitation interface for the Texas A&M International Advisory Board (IAB). The Vice Provost & Chief International Officer and Associate Vice President (AVP) for External Affairs, with support for assigned staff will coordinate IAB communication, interaction and logistics.

The IAB will interface as external consultants with the International Programs Committee (IPC) of the Faculty Senate. Seated by Deans appointed representatives of faculty from each College, the IPC advises the Office of the Provost on issues, opportunities, processes and service needs of faculty, departments, colleges and programs. Additionally the IPC provides some clearinghouse gathering of college wide activities in international partnerships. Individual college efforts are encouraged through interface of IPC with IAB members and during IAB meetings. Special *requests* for International Advisory Board assistance will be facilitated and reviewed with co-chairs of IPC and the AVP External Affairs, as appropriate.

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

Briefing Materials and Agendas will be shared at least 1 month prior to 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 of relationships. 40-45 members will rotate initial 3 year terms (renewable at University and Member discretion). Complete member listing and bios at <http://iboard.tamu.edu>.

Nominations of potential new members may be provided by IAB Members, Texas A&M Faculty, administrators and friends. Awards and Membership subcommittee will bring nominations to board as a whole and Executive Committee will review and recommend nominations and renewals to Provost at the Fall Meeting of IAB each year. Nominations will include brief bio, photo and recommendation by IAB for up to 3 year term.

### **Executive Committee:**

An Executive Committee (EC) will be composed of 5 members of the IAB. The EC will assist the Vice 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 Vice 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 Vice Provost to serve offsetting terms to ensure board ongoing focus and special initiatives consistency.

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

### **Global Engagement Plan Subcommittee**

**Charge:** review, support and advise Vice Provost on existing and proposed global engagement including signature global partnerships and resources, processes and incentives.

### **Awards & Membership Subcommittee**

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

### **International Affairs Department Advisory Subcommittee**

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