

University Committee on International Studies and Programs

Frequently Asked Election Questions



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What is the University Committee on International Studies and Programs?

The University Committee on International Studies and Programs provides for broad based participation by the University faculty and students in the policy making of the Office of International Studies and Programs. The Committee serves in an advisory-consultative capacity on all matters pertaining to the work of the Dean's office including undergraduate and graduate study abroad programs, foreign student affairs, exchange relationships with foreign institutions, international comparative and area studies, international contractual projects and other relationships.

The Committee consults and advises the Dean of International Studies and Programs with respect to the coordination of the University's overseas projects with the University's academic program; the types of recruitment and retention of qualified MSU faculty and staff for such projects; the contribution of such projects to the research, service and educational goals of the University; the academic propriety of current and proposed overseas projects; types of overseas projects in which the University shall engage; and qualifications for employment of non-university project members. The Committee also serves as the principal channel of communication at the policy level between the Office of International Studies and Programs and faculty and students.

What are the time obligations like?

UCISP meets every third quarter in the academic year. The dates and times of the meetings will be determined based on members' availability. Meetings will take place in Room 201 of the International Center unless conditions continue to require that meetings be held virtually.

What is the length of the term?

Terms for candidates elected in the Spring Semester 2021 elections will begin on August 16, 2021 and end on August 16, 2023. Because this is an Advisory-Consultative Committee instead of a University-Level Standing Committee, the term is only two years instead of three.

Who is eligible to vote in the election?

Per Section 1.1.2.1. of the Bylaws for Academic Governance, "The voting faculty in the election of University-level councils and committees shall be all regular faculty, health professions faculty, and FRIB/NSCL faculty. Voting faculty also includes full-time fixed-term faculty who have served at least three consecutive years and full-time academic specialists who have served at least three consecutive years. Voting faculty must be engaged in academic activities of the University." The term "regular faculty" means those appointed under the rules of tenure and holding the rank of professor, associate professor, or assistant professor, as well as all persons appointed as librarians. Furthermore, per Section 1.1.2.1.1., "Full-time shall be defined as a workload equal to or greater than a 0.9 full-time equivalent."

Who is eligible to be elected?

The following types of people are eligible to be elected if they 1) hold faculty status in the college electing them and 2) are engaged in academic activities of the university:

1. Regular faculty members (1.1.2.4.)
2. Health professions faculty members (1.1.2.4.)
3. FRIB/NSCL faculty members (1.1.2.4.)
4. Full-time fixed-term faculty members who have served at least three consecutive years (1.1.2.5.)
5. Full-time specialists who have served at least three consecutive years (1.1.2.5.)
6. Full-time specialists who have served fewer than three consecutive years, if provided for in the college bylaws