

**University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee  
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE  
2021-2022 Annual Report**

**Members:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Div</b>	<b>E/A</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Cesar Ferreira	FAC	Spanish & Portuguese	AH	E	2024
Simonetta Milli Konewko	FAC	French, Italian & Comparative Literature	AH	E	2024
Gillian Rodger	FAC	Music	AH	A	2024
Vipavee Thongpriwan	AS	College of Nursing	-	E	2024
Chris Cho <sup>1</sup>	AS	College of Health Sciences	-	E	2023
Anne Dressel <sup>2</sup>	FAC	Nursing	PR	E	2023
Junjie Niu <sup>3</sup>	FAC	Materials Science & Engineering	NS	E	2023
Bridget Brown	AS	Nursing	-	E	2022
Mukul Goyal	FAC	Computer Science	PR	A	2022
Michael Pauers, <b>Chair</b>	FAC	Mathematics & Natural Sciences	CGS	E	2022
Ora John Reuter <sup>4</sup>	FAC	Political Science	SS	E	2022
Rose Sauers	US	Office of Central Advising	-	A	2022
Simon Bronner	Dean	College of General Studies	-	A	2022
Tracy Buss	AS	Center for International Education	x-o	o	2022
Sharon Gosz	AS	Center for International Education	x-o	o	2022
<>	Student		-	A	2022

<> Yet to be appointed

1 Repl J. Murray (2023-E)

2 Repl H. Luft (2023-E)

3 Repl I. Suzuki (2023-E)

4 Repl L. Kuiper sabbatical 2021-22 (2022-E)

o Serves by virtue of office

x-o Ex-officio

**Charter:**

**Functions/ Responsibilities:**

**A3.25 International Committee**

The International Committee (hereinafter “the IC”) represents the interests and authority of UWM faculty, staff, and students in fostering campus internationalization through establishment of policy to guide the development and implementation of central international education functions, such as international institutional academic and research partnerships and education abroad programs.

(1) Membership

The IC is composed of 16 members, of whom 14 are voting members, as follows:

- a) 8 faculty members, as follows:
  - a. 6 elected faculty members, at least one from each division;
  - b. 2 faculty members appointed by the University Committee upon the recommendation of the Vice Provost for International Education.
- b) 3 members of the Academic Staff, elected by the Academic Staff as “at large” representatives
- c) 1 Classified Staff member appointed by the Classified Staff Council
- d) 1 Dean appointed by the Chancellor
- e) 1 student appointed by the Student Association
- f) 2 *ex officio* representatives of the Center for International Education who carry responsibilities for inter-institutional partnership agreements and study abroad, appointed by the University Committee upon the recommendation of the Vice Provost for International Education

Each member is elected or appointed to a three-year term. Terms of elected faculty and Academic Staff members shall be staggered.

(2) Chairperson

The IC shall elect a chair from among its voting faculty members. The chair serves for a period of one year. The IC chair plans the meeting schedule and agendas in consultation with the subcommittee chairs. The IC chair ensures that agendas and minutes are conveyed to the Secretary of the University. The chair oversees the IC’s subcommittee member selection process.

(3) Functions

- a) Develops and approves policies and recommendations to guide campus internationalization.
- b) Reviews and recommends to the Chancellor university approval of international inter-institutional partnership agreements.
- c) Reviews and recommends to the Chancellor changes or university approval of arrangements for UWM-sponsored student travel to international destinations in high-risk locations.
- d) Advises UWM international education administrators regarding strategic program priorities and initiatives.
- e) Advises other shared governance committees when they encounter issues or legislation that have international elements.
- f) Represents campus stakeholders in strategic planning for internationalization.

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Meetings:

During the 2021-2022 academic year, the International Committee met twice, once during the fall semester (25 October 2021) and once during the spring (05 May 2022). Given the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on international education, we were able to conduct all necessary business in a small number of meetings. Although all of the events of these two meetings are detailed in their respective minutes, the meetings are briefly summarized below.

25 October 2021

At the meeting on this date, the International Committee reviewed and approved agreements with two universities, the PSGR Krishnammal College for Women (India) and the Thiagarajar School of Management (India). Both of these agreements were presented and described by Dr. Chauri from the School of Business. Both agreements were approved unanimously by the International Committee.

Additionally, Nigel Rothfels from the University Committee asked us to consider the governance role of the committee, and whether the functions this committee performs may be redundant or simply “rubber stamp” activities. The resulting discussion was largely in favor of maintaining the International Committee in its current form.

05 May 2022

At the meeting on this date, the International Committee reviewed and approved agreements with two universities, the University of Birmingham (UK) and the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (Mexico). Both of these agreements were presented and described by Sharon Gosz of the Center for International Education; additionally, both agreements were longstanding agreements between UWM and these universities. Both were approved unanimously by the International Committee.

Other issues discussed at this meeting included the following:

- 1.) The need for a new Chair for 2022-23
- 2.) The role of the IC in initiating agreements with universities around the world
- 3.) A variety of items regarding UWM’s presence and partnerships in Southeast Asia
- 4.) The status of an agreement with an engineering program in Brazil

This summarizes the business of the International Committee during the 2021-22 academic year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Pauers, Ph.D.  
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