



FORUM NEWS

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Forum and AACRAO Establish Joint Working Group

The Forum and the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) have formed a working group to recommend standards of good practice for institutions serving as schools of record for education abroad programs, as well as for the education abroad organizations and programs that they serve. The group will examine and make recommendations concerning the appointment of academic staff and faculty abroad; the review of education abroad courses and programs; the criteria for awarding academic credit; grade conversion practices; vetting of syllabi; and the use of student evaluations.

The members of the joint working group are:

Mark Beirn, Tulane University (Forum on Education Abroad)
Michael Clarke, Southern Methodist University (Forum on Education Abroad)
Andrea Custodi, Alliance for Global Education (Forum on Education Abroad)
Nancy Eriksen, Trinity University (AACRAO)
Margery Ganz, Spelman College (AACRAO)
Irene Gawel, AustralLearn/AsiaLearn/EuroLearn (Forum on Education Abroad)
Melanie Gottlieb, Webster University (AACRAO)
Robert Watkins, University of Texas (AACRAO)
Angi Yucas (Forum on Education Abroad)

The group is expected to have a set of draft guidelines to share with the Forum and AACRAO membership by June 1, 2010.

Spaces Still Available in Houston and Indianapolis Workshops

Spaces are still available in the Forum's signature workshop, "An Introduction to the Forum's Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad," which is being offered in both Houston and Indianapolis.

Thursday, February 18, 12:30 – 4:00 PM, Rice University, Houston (Hosted by Rice University)

Wednesday, February 24, 1:00 – 4:30 PM, Omni Hotel, Indianapolis (Hosted by the Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University)

The workshop provides an overview of and training in the use of the Forum's Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad, the Code of Ethics for

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American University of Cairo

Global Education Solutions

Lenoir-Rhyne University

Ohio Wesleyan University

Texas Tech University

United States-India Educational Foundation

University of Oklahoma

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10:
"Demystifying Study Abroad Finances" webinar

February 18:
"An Introduction to the Forum's Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad", Houston, hosted by Rice University

February 24:

Education Abroad, and the Standards of Good Practice for Short-Term Education Abroad Programs. The workshop is ideally suited both for those unfamiliar with these documents, as well as for colleagues who want to delve more deeply into how to use them for program development, assessment and improvement. Workshop activities include analyses of case studies that teach participants how to use these resources to assess education abroad programs. For more information on the workshops, including how to register: <http://www.forumea.org/StandWorkshop2010.htm>

Propose a Topic for Peer to Peer Lunch Discussions at the Annual Conference

This year's conference will feature Peer to Peer table discussions during the Networking Lunch on Thursday, March 25. This will be an excellent opportunity to catch-up with colleagues or to join an informal discussion on a hot topic or issue. In addition, the Forum's committees (Standards, Data, Outcomes Assessment, Advocacy, and Curriculum) will offer the opportunity to sit in on their committee meeting discussions during the lunch. If you would like to nominate a topic for a table discussion, please e-mail your suggestion to info@forumea.org by March 1.

A Special Thanks to Georgetown University

The Forum extends its thanks to Kathy Bellows and her staff in the Office of International Programs at Georgetown University for hosting the Forum's Board of Directors meeting last week in Washington, DC. "The Board felt right at home due to the hospitality of Kathy and her staff," said Mary Dwyer, Chair of the Board. "The facilities were outstanding and allowed the Board to have a highly productive meeting," said Dwyer.



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