

International Education Committee
Thursday, February 12, 2026
Minutes
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
ZOOM <https://lrccd.zoom.us/j/83658170650>

Welcome and Introductions

Review/Approval of Past Minutes - [December 11, 2025 Minutes](#)

Updates: District Study Abroad

- District Study Abroad Updates
- Spring 2028 Kyoto - [Generic Application](#)

The group discussed updates on study abroad programs, including the fall cohort's return and current enrollment in Florence. They identified new faculty for the 2027-28 academic year and discussed the need to recruit a faculty member for the Spring 28 Kyoto cohort. The team agreed to modify the application process to include a question about familiarity with Japanese culture, making it clear that while not required, it is recommended. They also decided to update the application form to include this question for all programs, not just Kyoto, to ensure equity and transparency. The form was updated to include CALGETC.

Updates: College Study Abroad

- ARC
- CRC
- FLC
- SCC

The committee discussed updates on various study abroad programs, including Ireland, Japan, and Paris. Leah Arambel reported challenges with AIFS regarding flight arrangements for Ireland Study Abroad students, while Debi shared updates on the Japan program and concerns about long-term sustainability due to FTE allocation issues.

Discussion

- Future International Education efforts in Los Rios

The group also discussed the potential for expanding international education initiatives beyond study abroad, including faculty exchanges and better support for international students. Kamau Kinuthia highlighted the need for more comprehensive outreach to students about study abroad opportunities and raised concerns about racial comfort levels in certain countries. The committee agreed to further explore faculty exchange possibilities and consider additional ways to promote and support international education across the District.

Future Meetings:

- Meeting Schedule: 2nd Thursday (every other month October through May)
 - April 9, 2026 (Zoom)