

CISS Agenda

September 29, 2023 | 12:30pm

Chair: Kathryn Gaylord-Miles, Kennesaw State University

Vice Chair: Allie Seay, Georgia State University

Member at Large: Open

Member at Large: Kathleen Kirk, Georgia Tech

- Opening for nominations for member at large, Christy Flatt nominated herself (Gordon State). KRG asked for nominations. KRG also explained the role of the “Member at Large”. Christine Shaw was nominated. She’s the ISSSO Coordinator at Columbus State. She’s been at CSU for over 18 years. She would like to learn more about her role and work with others. KRG will send an electronic ballot regardless the number of candidates, although she will check with Christy regarding her continued interest. This term ends in 2025.

There will be other roles open in January 2024 on the CISS Committee.

Participants (16): Kathryn Gaylord-Miles, Tammy Rosner, Scott Bleiweis, Tina Rousselot de Saint Ceran, Kristina Guinn, Lescia Gonzalez-Rivera, Christine Shaw, Sheila Schulte, Tiffany Takahashi, Irina McClellan, Daniela Blasone, Prathiba Joshi-Beck, Cody Marschalk, Wanga Sumaili, Charlene Graham, Jessica Arnold

Call to Order & Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Kathryn Gaylord-Miles

January 27, 2023- meeting minutes are approved without objection.

USG OIE Update – Tammy Rosner

Strategic Enrollment Plan- USG enrollment management initiative unveiling, we will hear more about it. It is exciting that the USG is considering international populations in the plan.

English proficiency update for USG: MyBest English proficiency test now accepted as proof of English proficiency. The committee will also consider the Online TOEFL score and TOEIC test of English.

We had a brief discussion regarding transfer-in policy and requesting USG formalize transfer in policy across all institutions. Transfer-in policy is largely a school-by-school decision.

Student-Focused Discussion:

- Tammy mentioned during her introduction that the System Office has its own Study Abroad program, USG Goes Global, that’s especially useful for programs that don’t have their own Study Abroad offices.
- Fall 2023 trends:
 - Some institutions saw increase in student enrollment. However, some nations populations, such as China, have not grown.
 - For Fall, 2023, there seemed to still be embassy and consulate delays in getting appointments. Many students claimed that the embassy/consulate were requesting I-

20s to be changed to accommodate late arrivals. However, this request contradicts SEVIS guidance we (DSOs) have previously received. Late arrivals were also discussed.

- There was a spirited discussion regarding online enrollment and university trends in offering more and more online classes. Many options were discussed to allow for online enrollment and maintenance of F1 immigration status.

Scholar-focused discussion was unable to take place due to time restraints.

Announcements:

GAIE- in-person conference, March 4-6, 2024

NAFSA Region 7 Conference – Oct 9-11. Birmingham, AL.

Next SCIE (and CISS) meeting – January 2024 (virtual)

Kathryn mentioned she is happy to stay to discuss scholar issues.