

**USG System Council on International Education (SCIE)
Study Abroad Subcommittee (SAC)**

Date: Friday, February 27, 2026

Time: 11:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Location: Virtual Platform on Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Danielle Smith; Thomas Araya; Annette Burris; Sasha Cokuslu; Stephen Murray; Beck, Kris; Camille Williams; Raquel Aponte; Barrett, Stacie R.; Jessica Lindberg; Harold Mock; Eric Spears; Aileen Tang; Joshua Hudson; Paulez, Lorie Johns; Irina B McClellan; Lexie Caudill; Hannah Chisolm; David L Starling; Justin Jernigan; Jennifer Evanuk; Anne Claudine Gaquere-Parker; Tara McDuffie; O'Neal, Angela C.; Opreanu, Alina; Charles Ubah; Colleen P Larson; Jacek Lubecki; Emile Phommavongsy; Ilana Blumenfeld-Gantz; Carla Bluhm; Yana Alexandrovna Cornish; Rachel Thomas; Rasche, Erin (34)

Agenda:

- I. **Welcome:** Danielle Smith, Chair
 - a. Meeting started at 11:02 AM
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Sasha Cokuslu, Vice-Chair
 - a. **Status:** Approved
- III. **Nomination/Election of Open Positions:** Danielle Smith and Sasha Cokuslu
 - a. **Open roles:** Sasha Cokuslu's two-year term as Vice-Chair has concluded. After discussion of institutional representation and interest in serving, Stacie Barrett (Fort Valley State University) self-nominated and Sasha was nominated. Stacie was elected as the new Vice-Chair, succeeding Sasha. The new appointment will take effect at the first meeting of Fall 2026.
 - b. **Vice Chair Election:**
 - i. **Vice Chair duties:** Serve on the Executive Committee; prepare and distribute SAC meeting minutes and submit approved minutes for posting; assist the Chair in identifying issues and preparing meeting agendas; represent the Chair as needed and assume Chair duties if the position becomes vacant until elections are held.
- IV. **Discussion:** Danielle Smith, Chair
 - a. **Insurance Program Discussion**
 - i. A substantial portion of the meeting was devoted to discussion of institutional concerns regarding the current insurance program. Members shared experiences related to service responsiveness, administrative processes, and overall program implementation.

- ii. Participants emphasized the importance of documenting institutional experiences through official feedback channels.

V. Survey and Feedback

- a. Members were reminded that concerns and experiences should be formally submitted through the designated survey to ensure they are reviewed through the appropriate process.
- b. The survey link is provided below for those who were unable to attend or who wish to submit additional feedback to the USG: [Survey Link Here](#)
- c. The committee agreed to continue monitoring developments and revisit the topic as updates become available.

VI. Discussion Topics to the Fall 2026 Meeting

- i. System Updates
- ii. Reflection on Final Summer 2026 Participation Trends and Numbers
- iii. Faculty Salary Structures

VII. Announcements

- a. September 25, 2026, is next meeting

Meeting Adjourned at: 12:06 PM on Friday, Feb. 27, 2026