



Committee on International Engagement

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Background

International partnerships are critically important to nearly every segment of the U-M community. However, there is increasing concern on the part of the federal government around international interactions ranging across multiple University domains, particularly research, education, and development. This committee is formed to ensure U-M is acting in compliance with federal regulations and is proactively addressing credible threats. This committee will proactively focus on understanding new regulations as they are put in place, communicating campus policies and procedures, and making recommendations for improving coordination across campus, including new and revamped policies. The committee will engage other stakeholders from across campus as necessary, including faculty experts and/or those engaged in international interactions.

Mission

Align the institutional knowledge across missions of the University to ensure continued academic excellence amid increasing concerns of undue foreign influence.

Executive Sponsors

Rebecca Cunningham, Interim Vice President for Research
Tim Lynch, Vice President and General Counsel

Statement of Purpose for Committee

Serve as a clearing house and single source of information, and to provide recommendations to the institution, regarding issues related to international interactions and the threat of potential undue foreign influence.

Objectives

Focusing on the subject of potential for foreign influence and its effect on the University of Michigan, the Committee's primary objectives are to:

1. Become the coordinating body for reviewing and addressing emergent needs related to the institution's response on matters related to the shifting landscape of foreign influence. This includes federal research guidance as well as new guidance on Section 117.

2. Provide guidance and recommendations to EO and Unit leadership regarding actions the institution should take in addressing federal concerns and policy changes.
3. Support current efforts and recommend additional approaches to increase transparency and communication efforts for the academic and research community.
4. As needed, review and consider new information and, accordingly, provide recommendations, set up working groups, determine tactics and implement solutions.
5. Evaluate the need for additional resources.

Membership

Co-Chair ORSP /UMOR: Craig Reynolds

Co- Chair OGC: David Grimm

OGC: Patty Petrowski

OGC: Tara Bradsher

Government Relations/ UMOR: Kristina Ko

Government Relations: Madeline Nykaza

Research Compliance/UMOR: Mike Imperiale

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Provost Office: Christine Gerdes

Provost Office: Valeria Bertacco

Communications: Alex Piazza

OU: Brodie Remington

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Dearborn: Yi Lu Murphey

Timeline

It is expected that the group will meet regularly and report out to relevant campus stakeholders (e.g., U-M Office of Research, Research Associate Deans, Provost's Office) at least quarterly. Expected duration of the Committee is one year and can be extended if deemed necessary by the Executive Sponsors.

