International Education Council
Meeting Minutes
March 07, 2025
Conference Room 3108 Blair Hall

Members present: Dr. David Viertel. Dr. Kristin Brown, Dr. Catherine Polydore, Dr. Nichole Hugo (online), Kaleb Hemrich (online),

Members absent: Dr. Jessica Tindira, Dr. Gopal Periyannan, Dr. Michael Beck, Dr. David Melton

Ex-officio present: Mr. Mutombo Andy Kabasele, Dr. Tanya Willard

Ex-officio absent: Dr. Robert Chesnut, Ms. Sara Schmidt, Dr. Amy Rosenstein, Dr. Michael Gillespie, Bobbi Kingery

Visitors present: Mr. Ben Reinbolt, Heather Crank, Melanee Bates

Guest invitation: Eric Davidson

I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

David Viertel opened meeting, Jessica is out of town. Previous minutes approved and motioned by Kristin Brown, seconded by Catherine Polydore. No opposition

II. Opening with Dr. Eric Davidson

Melanee Bates reminded the group of the previous discussion regarding immunizations, costs, insurance and other medical responsibilities for international students. Opened for discussion and questions.
Dr. Davidson stated that EIU medical is required to comply with Illinois College Immunizations. They must have their Tetanus, T-dap, MMR, Meningitis within the last 10 years. Students must show proof of two series of measles, mumps, and rubella after 1st birthday and before 21st birthday, 22 and older need ACWY and Meningitis-A (not to be confused with B). All students, domestic and international must meet these requirements. They should have them before entering the country however, students can get those from EIU clinic or off campus clinic. Multiple students can receive a vaccine from an outside clinic within days of each other and have to pay different prices for same vaccine. Cost can very dependent upon the supplier of that specific vaccine.

The discussion then turned to insurance and that as an option to pay for vaccines or other medical needs. Kaleb asked if EIU can look into having primary insurance policies. Eric explained that by law, domestic students can be on parent's insurance until 26 and after that, they can go to ACA market for low insurance premiums, international students cannot go to ACA market. Sometimes students will come with their country's insurance only to find that it is not accepted in certain medical networks. EIU does not offer primary insurance options because the cost would be too high for the return or premiums paid. There are companies that offer insurance to international students for $100-$200 a month however, EIU cannot provide a list due to liabilities and marketing charges. EIU cannot promote any company over the other so if one is left off of the list, it could cause legal ramifications. International students also should not have public assistance or it could affect getting a green card or other working status changes. Hospitals will offer repayment plans or financial options that are through the hospital and not considered public assistance.

Nicole Hugo suggested the option of grad coordinators discussing these items with students, on top of already presented material at orientation. Options were discussed regarding updating students more effectively or thoroughly. Perhaps some animated videos for pre-arrival. The welcome letter will cover vaccines and health insurance validation prior to entering USA.

Heather Crank inquired about J-1 students leaving USA, should they go to EIU clinic or outside clinic, it was suggested that they go off campus as EIU clinic only carries state mandatory vaccinations.

Eric Davidson mentioned that the clinic has low prices however, because Sarah Bush took over the clinic, EIU does not make any profit from services offered, ie x-ray, vaccines, etc.

III. Reports

1. OISS, Mr. Mutombo "Andy" Kabasele

Mr. Kabasele reported a total of 3,789 applications, 2,102 are undergrad and 1,687 are graduate applications. (This is reversed from normal applications with undergrad being higher than grad.) Admissions have 562 undergrads and 309 graduates. Current80% of current applications are Ghana and Nigeria. Currently 1183 Undergrad and 1080 Grad. At time of meeting, 204 admit had been completed. There are high numbers of incomplete applications, email communications being sent to help close the gap. India has dwindling numbers at a global rate, unsure why.

2. Programming Update: Ben Reinbolt

Mr. Reinbolt reported the need for committee members to review scholarships that close on March 15th. Preparing for the OISS International Student Banquet in April. Ben presented with Krishna at a Rotary meeting to talk about experiences for international students in the USA.

3. Study Abroad: Heather Crank

Mrs. Crank provided the update that all of her application deadlines had passed for scholarship or awards. Working on Global food night, link to the flyer and information are in her full report attached to these meeting minutes.

<u>Report on Faculty-led Programs and activities</u>

- All information to be found in full report attached to minutes.

III. Adjournment

Motion to dismiss, it was seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 A.M..

Minutes submitted by Melanee Bates

IEC Monthly Meeting – 3/7/25

Faculty Led Programs Update

These are the finalized programs we have thus far.

- Exploration of Italian Business, Technology, History, and Culture – Dr. Melton
- Art in Florence and Rome
- CDS Therapy Abroad in Jamaica

Other Study Abroad Programs

Deadlines for J-Term, Spring Break, Spring Semester: were due 10/28/24. Scholarships have been reviewed and students have been notified.

Summer: 2/11/2025, Faculty Leds – Deadline has passed and students have been notified.

Fall and Academic Year 2025-2026 – Deadline has passed

Scholarship committee – I am hoping to have fall scholarship notifications to the students before April 1st so that they can decide to pay the deposit.

Fall 2024 Enrollment

We have 6 Students going abroad this fall.

Japan, Spain, United Kingdom, Germany, Costa Rica, and France.

AY 2024-2025 Enrollment

We have NO participants as the 2 that initially wanted to stay an Academic Year, decided to come back for the Spring Semester.

Total = 0 Students

Spring 2025 Enrollment (as of 03/06/2025)

We have 11 Students going this Spring

4 to the United Kingdom, 2 to Japan, 2 to Germany, 1 to Costa Rica, 1 to Ireland, and 1 to Australia

J-Term Enrollment (as of 03/06/2025)

1 Student has dropped from their program

Total = 0 Students

Summer 2025 (as of 03/06/2025)

12 students have committed

Total = 12 Applications

Faculty Led 2025 (as of 03/06/2025)

Applications for Exploration of Italian Business, Technology, History, and Culture

- 9 students have committed and paid their deposits

Application for the Art in Florence and Rome Program

- 8 students have committed and paid their deposits

Applications for the CDS Therapy Abroad in Jamaica program

- 7 students have committed and paid their deposits

Applications for Sport Industry in the UK

- 5 students have committed and paid their deposits

Total = 29 applications

Fall 2025 Applications (as of 03/06/2025)

4 students have started an application

4 students have committed

Total = 8 applications

AY 2025-2026 Applications (as of 03/06/2025)

2 Students have been accepted

Total = 2 Applications

Total Students 24-25 as of 03/06/2025 = 58 Students

Total Applications 25-26 as of 03/06/2025 – 8 applications

Study Abroad Promotional Activities - Past

Last Call Advising hours – Monday 2/10 and Tuesday 2/11 4pm to 530 MLK Bridge Lounge – I was central in campus for any last-minute students who have questions about their applications. 3 students attended.

2/12 – 4pm to 530 (Pizza and Trivia with Caleb with Barcelona SAE) We had 5 students attend, and they enjoyed the experience!

2/15 – Tabling at the Presidential Scholarship Interview Day

3/5 – Study Abroad for LGBTQ+ Student Stories from Spain – Effingham Room

Upcoming Sessions

3/11 - COST EVENT with Cayla (Student) and Tara (Cost Coordinator) 1030-12pm Buzzard Atrium

3/12 – Study Abroad Presentations for Foreign Language Week in Rincon Latino 3pm to 4pm

3/27 – Global Food Night 6pm to 8pm Newman Center

Sign up Link is here! https://www.eiu.edu/international/machform/view.php?id=175691

Please Sign up by March 15th if you are interested in bringing a dish!

4/2 – Charalando con Caleb: The Barcelona Study Abroad Experience.

4/3 – IECC Community College Visit – Study Abroad Session

International Chip Tasting – (April)

Easter Fun with Study Abroad (April)

Virtual Session Featuring Deshaun, student studying in the UK.

Experiences of Ireland Featuring Emma

SAC Events – Tentative Ideas (Cooking Nights, Game Nights, Speakers, etc.)

Financial Aid Session – Work with Jordan G.

Virtual Panel with Alumni, 1 who teaches English in South Korea, 1 who participated in the Peace Corps.

And More!

New Item! I decided that this year, our office would do Study Abroad Students of the Year (awards given at the International Education Ceremony) to encourage study abroad students to share their experiences with students on campus.

Students, Faculty and staff are welcome to nominate study abroad students by emailing me a short paragraph as to why they think their student should get the award by emailing me at hncrank@eiu.edu **by March 15th @1159pm**. Study Abroad Alums are also welcome to nominate themselves for this award.

Health & Counseling Services
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Illinois College Immunization Act Compliance Information
Academic Year 2024-2025
July 18, 2024

The Illinois College Student Immunization Act (110-ILCS 20) **requires that all students, *including graduate students*, born ON OR AFTER January 1, 1957, and ENROLLED IN 6 OR MORE HOURS OF ON CAMPUS CLASSES, must submit proof of immunity** for **diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis, measles, mumps, and rubella**, and if you are under the age of 22, a meningitis conjugate A/C on or after your 16th birthday.

Students are highly encouraged to submit records early and before the following respective dates:

- August 1, for students entering during the fall semester
- December 1, for students entering the spring semester
- May 1, for students entering the summer semester.

Record Submission

Records will be accepted using a variety of forms, including records from the following institutions:

- Past K-12 schools/institutions (seek past shot records authenticated/signed from high school nurses)
- Primary care providers – signed and dated by medical providers
- Military/VA records – signed and dated by medical providers
- Local, County, and State Health Departments
- Youth Organizations Which May have Required Vaccinations
- World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination

Any record submitted must include:

- **A typed/stamped name of the health professional administering or authenticating the vaccinations**
- **A handwritten signature health professional to authenticate the shots' validity,**
- **A handwritten date indicating the date in which the health professional has either administered the shot or has authenticated the shots noted on the record**
- **a valid and professional phone number of the clinic/establishment**

Documents **should also include** professional mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, and other professional contact information in which the health professional may be reached, if needed. Domestic students in need of forms may retrieve the suggested form from: https://www.eiu.edu/health/IMForm.pdf

Send Immunization Records, Directly to Health and Counseling, by the office providing the medical records when possible:

- **electronically as a PDF by e-mail to immunizations@eiu.edu**

- **by fax to 217/581-2010,**
- **snail mailed to Health and Counseling Services – ATTN Immunizations, Rm 2201 Blair Hall, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL.**
- **dropping them off to us in person at one of our Health and Counseling Service Locations:**
    - **Health Education Resource Center – 2201 Blair Hall**

Please do not rely on other offices on campus to send us immunization records (e.g., athletics, admissions, registrar's office). While our colleagues make every attempt to forward records they receive, there have been times in which records sent to other offices have not made their way to our office. Please send records directly to the Medical Clinic.

Deadlines/Due Dates

You are strongly encouraged to act on this immediately**, and submit records by August 1 for fall courses,December 15 for Spring courses,and May 1 for summer courses,**

	Preferred Submission Date	Deadline to Avoid Penalties	Registration Holds Placement Date	$35.00 Financial Fine Placement Date
Fall Semester	August 1	First Day of Class of the Semester Fall – 8/19/24 Spring – 1/13/25 Summer – 5/19/25	Friday of the 2nd Week of the semester Fall – 8/30/24 Spring – 1/24/25 Summer – 5/23/25 Holds typically placed the following week	Friday of the 4th Week of the Semester Fall – 9/13/24 Spring – 2/7/25 Summer – 6/6/25 $35 Fines typically placed the following week
Spring Semester	December 15			
Summer Semester	May 1			

Failure to Submit Immunization Records

Students in non-compliance with Illinois' immunization compliance law will have a hold placed on their university records and will be unable to register for future semesters at Eastern until records comply. Registration holds for non-compliant students will be placed for those who lacking compliant records by the end of the 2nd week of the semester**; a $35 late fine** will be applied to student accounts for students whose records are not compliant by the end of the 4th week of the semester. Until requirements of this mandate are met, the hold will remain in place.

Illinois College Immunization Requirements

Compliance with this act requires all persons **born on or after January 1, 1957** entering a four-year public or private institution of higher education to provide proof of immunization. The following proof of immunity is required:

1. **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis:** Students shall provide dates of any combination of three or more doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis containing vaccine.
    - One dose must be Tdap vaccine.

- The last dose of vaccine (DPT, DTap, DT, Td, or Tdap) must have been received within 10 years prior to the term of current enrollment.
- The minimum time interval between the first and second dose must have been at least four weeks (28 days), with the third dose having been received at least six months after the second or last dose of the basic series.

2. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella**: Students shall provide documentation of receipt of two doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps Rubella) live vaccine on or after the first birthday. The minimum time interval between each dose must have been at least four weeks (28 days).
3. **Meningococcal Vaccine:** All new admissions under the age of 22 shall show proof of having at least one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine on or after 16 years of age.

International Students

International students should submit official health records using the **World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination** documenting their vaccinations. This document is also referred to as the **Carte Jaune or Yellow Card** document. This document is frequently available through the student's government, governmental related medical establishments, etc. Each international student must visit a healthcare provider and receive the required vaccinations, or have the required vaccinations verified, which the doctor must list on the World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination booklet per the instructions and sign and date.

Records **must be signed, dated by a health professional to authenticate their validity, and have a valid and professional phone number**. Documents should also include professional mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, and other professional contact information in which the health professional may be reached, as well as verified and authenticated, if needed.

Prior EIU Students Previously Enrolled in Only On-Line Classes or Who Have More than One Year Lapse Since Last Enrollment

If you have previously been an EIU student but have never had more than 6 hours of on-campus courses during any given semester or have had a gap of 12 or more months since your last period of enrollment at EIU, you are required to submit documentation of proof of immunity in accordance with the updated requirements published by the Illinois Department of Public Health in July 2016 (Please see below).

Prior EIU Students Who Took Classes Before 2017

If you have previously submitted immunization documents, please contact us at 217/581-7786. Your prior records may not be in our Electronic Medical Record, and as a result, we may not know to look for your past record in the physical archives.

Medical and Religious Waivers

By law, waivers are only allowed for medical and religious reasons. General philosophical or moral objection to immunizations shall not be deemed adequate for an exemption under any circumstances. Students who are interested in a medical waiver must complete an application form as well as submit documentation from their medical provider indicating medical contraindications which would prevent them from taking the required immunizations. Students interested in a religious waiver must complete an application form and submit a statement of testament indicating how their religious beliefs conflicts with some or all immunizations which are expected to be administered. Students completing either application must sign a statement of exclusion indicating that should an outbreak of a communicable disease that they are not immunized for occur at EIU, they agree and understand that they may be required to removed themselves from classes, residence

halls, campus, until the public health officials deem that the outbreak is over and no longer being spread. Waiver applications may be requested by emailing immunizations@eiu.edu.

Right to Refuse Records

Health and Counseling Services may exercise the right to refuse records if they are believed to be suspect/fraudulent, and the records, organization, or healthcare provider cannot be authenticated or verified by independent means. The Illinois College Immunization Act will allow proof of titers for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella; students whose records are refused for these vaccines may submit titers (at the student's expense) to show proof of immunity or may have immunizations readministered through another organization/provider who can be authenticated or verified. The Illinois College Immunization Act does not allow proof of titers for the other vaccinations; missing proof of immunity/vaccinations will need to be readministered.

Vaccine Availability

Vaccines for the required immunizations are available from the EIU Health and Counseling Medical Clinic for a nominal charge. The SBL EIU Student Medical Clinic offers the following immunizations for the following charges:

- TD - **$45/individual vaccination**
- Tdap - **$60/individual vaccination**
- MMR- **$102/individual vaccination**
- Meningitis- **$140/individual vaccination**
- **These prices may be subject to change**

The Medical Clinic does not accept 3rd party insurance and will not bill insurance. Fees for these vaccinations may be charged to the student's account/bill.

Students may find getting immunizations from other facilities as primary care providers, pharmacies, etc. that accept their primary insurance may be more economically feasible. If so, please have those shot records signed and dated by the medical professional administering the immunizations and have the records sent or brought to the medical clinic. These forms need to **Include typed/stamped name of the health professional administering or authenticating the vaccinations, Handwritten signature, and date of the health professional to authenticate their shots' validity, and a valid and professional phone number**. Documents should also include professional mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, and other professional contact information in which the health professional may be reached, if needed

Questions?

Questions regarding immunizations are best directed to the Health and Counseling Service by e-mail at immunizations@eiu.edu. Questions may also be answered though through phone at 217/581-7786.

Illinois College Immunization Act Compliance for EIU International Students

Required Immunizations

The following proof of immunity is required:

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    - The first dose must have been administered on or after the first birthday.
    - The minimum time interval between each dose must have been at least four weeks (28 days).
    - If shots records have been lost, positive titer testing results may be submitted only for MMR's.
3. **Meningococcal Vaccine:** All new admissions 22 or under shall show proof of having **at least one dose** of meningococcal conjugate vaccine.
    - This must be administered after the age of 16
    - Must cover strains A&C, not meningitis B

Record Format

Records should be submitted using the **World Health Organization's Official International Certificate of Vaccination, frequently referred to as that Carte Jaune or Yellow Card document,** from a clinic recognized and approved to provide and authenticate such records.

Those unable to provide a WHO International Certificate of Vaccination, should provide original documents signed by primary care providers or other medical professionals.

Records are thoroughly reviewed, and questionable records are researched and investigated. Submitting Fraudulent records may result in referral to the Dean of Students Office, judicial review, disciplinary action, including suspension and expulsion from the university.

Compliant immunization records MUST:

- Be in English/transcribed in English
- Be SIGNED and DATED by a health provider (MD, DO, APN, PA, NP, RN, LPN, MA, Pharmacist)
- Must include the provider's/organization's complete address, as assigned by the government.

- Must include a professional/business telephone number
- Include the provider's licensure/registery information
- Include the provider's/organization's professional/business e-mail and/or URL/webaddress

Documents that are NOT LEGIBLE or are INCOMPLETE WILL be sent back to the student. We DO NOT keep incomplete records.

International Organizations in Which Immunizations are Currently Not Being Accepted

12-09-24

- M.M. International Health Clinics Pvt. Ltd.,
- AR Travellers Vaccine Centre
- Bharat Vaccine Centre
- Dr. Seshaiahs Praja Vydyasala Multi Specialty Clinic
- Connect Health Clinics and Vaccine Center
- Vanaja Medical & General Store
- Dr. Tummala Adinarayana
- Apollo Hospitals - Chennai
- Archana Children's Hospital, Nalgonda - Dr. Anjaiah
- Lotus Hospital, Dr. Lakshmi Prasad Bandi
- Office of the Medical Officer of Health - Kesbewa
- Osmana Medical College
- Rajesh Children Hospital, Dr. Venkata Rajesh Madala
- St. Anns Hospital, Vijayawada, Dr. Manasa Keerthana
- Dr. Sarajini, Dr. Suja Ramanathan - Chennai
- Satnam Hospital - Dr. Sandeep
- Dr. Sharmila Malya C, Shivshakthi Complex
- Shree Hospitals, Dr. E.V. Ramana
- Shri Hrudignya Clinic
- Sidharath Medical College, Dr. U Srinivas, Vijayawada
- Sri Sai Medical Clinic
- Suraksha Hospitals - Dr. Pragati Guntur
- Tejaswi Hospital - Dr. Sateesh Babu Mylavaram
- Vikram Hospital - Dr. Vikram Reddy

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Failure to have verified immunization records by the end of the 2nd week of the semester will result in a registration hold being placed on the student's account, preventing them from registering for future classes. Failure to have verified immunization records by the end of the 4th week of the semester will result in a $35 non-compliance charge.

WAYS OF SUBMITTING IMMUNIZATION RECORDS:

- FAX to: 217/581-2010
- E-MAIL to immunizations@eiu.edu
- MAIL to Health & Counseling Services - Immunizations, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920
- DROP OFF/HAND DELIVER to:
    - Health & Counseling - Health Education Resource Center, 2201 Blair Hall

Immunizations offered at SBL EIU Student Medical Clinic

Please contact the clinic at 217/581-3013 to make an appointment.

- TDap: $60
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella: $102
- Meningococcal Vaccine: $140

Questions Regarding Immunizations Should be Directed To

- **E-MAIL to immunizations@eiu.edu**
- **Phone - 217/581-7786**
- **In person - 2201 Blair Hall, Health Education Resource Center**

International Student Health Insurance Programs Students May Purchase Independently

- These are ones found easily on-line through a google search
- These are in alphabetical order
- These are commercial products, if the institution were to partner with a vendor, we would have to go through procurement, and it would have to be a requirement for all international students, thus increasing the cost of attendance for international students
- This would essentially be requiring international students to have a primary insurance product, and since we do not require domestic students to show proof of a primary product, doing so has been viewed as unfavorable.

American Visitor Insurance

https://www.americanvisitorinsurance.com/student-insurance/

Compass Student Insurance

https://www.studenthealthusa.com/universitystudents.html

GeoBlue/Blue Cross/Blue Shield

https://www.geobluestudents.com/plan-options/inbound-international-travelers/

International Student Insurance

https://www.internationalstudentinsurance.com/student-health-insurance

International Student

https://www.internationalstudent.com/insurance/

International Student Insurance (ISO)

https://www.isoa.org/