



AUBURN UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

INTERNATIONALIZATION LABORATORY with American Council on Education



Internationalization Initiative

Auburn University joins 11 other colleges and universities across the U.S. in the 16th cohort of the American Council on Education's Internationalization Laboratory. Auburn's Committee for Strategic Internationalization co-chairs participated in the opening meeting of the lab in Washington, D.C. on August 24 and will lead a comprehensive effort to develop strategies and goals for Auburn's internationalization efforts.

What is the Internationalization Laboratory?

The ACE Internationalization Laboratory convenes a cohort of universities for a 20-month intensive strategic development process for campus-wide internationalization with the goal of long-lasting institutional change. Auburn joins the 138 universities who have participated in the lab since 2002. Auburn will work with a designated ACE lab advisor who will visit campus, conduct monthly check-ins and provide guidance and context throughout the lab process. Auburn's steering committee members will travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with ACE representatives and other members of the cohort several times throughout the process.

What is the American Council on Education?

ACE is a membership organization that mobilizes the higher education community to shape effective public policy and foster innovative, high-quality practice. As the major coordinating body for all the nation's higher education institutions, ACE represents more than 1,700 college and university presidents and related associations.

Committee for Strategic Internationalization:

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

- Andy Gillespie – Assistant Provost for International Programs
- Chris Roberts – Dean, Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
- Jennifer Mason – Director of International Initiatives
- Martin O'Neill – Schulze Professor & Department Head, Nutrition-Dietetics & Hospitality, College of Human Sciences
- Valentina Hartarska – Alumni Professor, Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology, College of Agriculture

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Ben Farrow – College of Architecture, Design & Construction
- Bill Daniels – College of Agriculture
- Bob Karcher – Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
- Danny Butler – Harbert College of Business
- Drew Clark – Institutional Research
- Elizabeth Essamuah-Quansah – Outreach
- George Flowers – Graduate School
- Giovanna Summerfield – College of Liberal Arts
- Gretchen VanValkenburg – Alumni Affairs
- Hanqin Tian – School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences
- Haroldo Toro – College of Veterinary Medicine
- Kate Thornton – College of Human Sciences
- Kathy Joe Ellison – School of Nursing
- Ken Thomas – Honors College
- Lady Cox – Student Affairs
- Leanne Fuller – Human Resources
- Megan Good – Academic Assessment
- Melanie Baker – Research
- Ming-kuo Lee – College of Sciences & Mathematics
- Nancy Barry – College of Education
- Tammy Moore – Business and Finance
- Tara Jones – Development
- Velda Rooker – Enrollment Services
- Vishnu Suppiramaniam – Harrison School of Pharmacy

Areas of Focus for Committee:

ACE's model for comprehensive internationalization includes:

- Articulated institutional commitment
- Administrative leadership, structure and staffing
- Curriculum, co-curriculum and learning outcomes
- Faculty policies and practices
- Student mobility
- Collaboration and partnerships

Auburn's committee will consider each of these areas during the planning process.

What comes next?

The full committee will meet at the beginning of September to receive an official committee charge from Provost Bill Hardgrave, and Heather Ward, ACE advisor, will visit campus to meet with leadership across the university later this fall.