

Board Meeting  
March 14, 2019

APPROVE NEW UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYSTEM INTERNATIONAL  
TRAVEL SAFETY POLICY

**Action:** Approve New University of Illinois System International Travel Safety Policy

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

In January 2018, the System Enterprise Risk Management Council (SERMC) identified international travel safety as a significant risk that required additional mitigation. The Senior International Officers (SIOs) at each university worked with Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) to identify specific risk areas and to develop policies to mitigate those risks as well as an implementation plan for each university.

The SIOs and ERM staff prepared a presentation on their findings for the July 2018 board meeting, and the board requested that they work together to develop a system-wide policy to address international travel safety. The attached policy resulted from those efforts. The policy requires undergraduate students who travel outside the U.S. for university-sponsored programs to participate in pre-departure and on-site orientations. It also requires students as well as faculty and staff who accompany them to register the travel with their respective universities and to carry international insurance.

Currently, each university offers an international insurance policy for faculty and staff who are traveling outside the U.S. The policy provides insurance for

medical issues, financial instruments, and accidents. In order to ensure safety and to incentivize registration of international travel, the system will consolidate the three policies and offer international insurance to members of the faculty and staff at no cost to the traveler's unit. The cost of the system level policy is estimated to be approximately \$30,000 but will depend on usage and may fluctuate on an annual basis. By consolidating the three policies, the overall cost will be similar to the combined cost of what each university is currently paying in premiums.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs recommends approval.

The President of the University concurs.