

## **CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)**

**Minutes # 7: Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

**Noon – 2:00 PM (per Zoom)**

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Meeting ID: 847 7558 8847

Attendees: Ann Kim, Shamim Mirza, Kholoud Khalil, Alessandro Russo, Claudia Barrulas Yefremian, Stephen Adams, Richard Marcus, Elaine Haglund, Alicia Del Campo, Sharon Olson, Sarvenaz Hatami, Shailesh Chandra, Soyeon Kim, Jan Haldipur, John Wang, Jeet Joshee, Lesley Farmer (arrived 1:15), Maria Aceituno (late)

I. Administrative

- a. Approval of April 12, 2022 Minutes.

Correct Kholoud Khalil and Sarvenaz Hatami's name spelling

Need to include PAW reviewer committee

Moved by Jeet. Seconded Stephen.

- b. Approval of Agenda. Moved by Jeet. Seconded Kholoud.

II. Announcements

- a. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement; Dean, College of Professional and International Education

Eugenia will not make it today.

Enrollment for upcoming fall- We have a record number of applications this year (more than pre-pandemic). One problem that we have is that half of the applicants are applying for comp sci. We don't have the capacity for this.

We expect to enroll 600-700 students (both ugrad and grad).

We expect to see less transfer international students. International enrollment was severely impacted in the community colleges during the pandemic, and this is the trickle effect.

We are working towards making all the decisions in the next couple of weeks. This will allow students time to get visas. Another challenge related to visas is that embassies and consulates are still understaffed. There were conversations in DC regarding this issue so we are working on it.

Question: Did we see an increase from any country in particular?

Answer: We lifted the English requirement for Nigeria. We have seen an uptick. We are

focused on expanding access to specific African countries, and we are looking to increase students from Latin America as well. The goal is to diversify where our students come from.

Question: what are the strategies used to recruit? Is there a way we can support these efforts?

Answer: multi-prong approach. We work with education agencies, organize virtual international events, focus on specific countries. I've also talked with budget folks and academic affairs to discuss how we can increase capacity where there is a student demand. There is an increased interest in the Arts. This creates an area for recruitment as well.

There has been some faculty involvement. It could be helpful in some cases. We have a large pool of international faculty and we could capitalize on their expertise. That's a good point.

Suggestion: 2 barriers – limited faculty members. One idea could be to open Saturday classes. A second idea is around the 125% workload rule.

Answer: The 125% workload rule doesn't apply outside of the CSU system. So although we have asked to have that rule be reviewed, it's a system level issue. Another idea that is being considered is creating an international cohort program for CS students. A challenge with that idea is to find qualified faculty to teach the courses. A question that is being asked constantly is "what are our self-imposed barriers?"

Good news regarding outside scholarship funds: Fulbright, Gilman, Boren, etc Fulbright Hays was announced. The application period opened yesterday. This is an opportunity that is open to faculty as well. Country-specific Fulbright announcements will going out soon. PAW committee will be meeting soon. We have 11 new applications, as well as the previously awarded but could not complete their projects. We expect to be able to fund all the projects that can happen.

- b. CIE Updates – Eugenia Kim, Executive Director, Center for International Education
- c. Education Abroad Update - Sharon L. Olson - Director, Education Abroad

Very good news- a study abroad advisor has been hired to start May 23. Mia Elsberry. She was an advisor and staff member in the College of Business. She was formerly on IEC as the staff representative. She will be taking over the areas of Asia and Australia.

SOAR sessions will be resuming in person. Education Abroad team will be attending those sessions and the parent sessions.

Students leaving for Fall 2022: 90+ students going out for our direct exchange programs, 20+ students for the Florence semester program.

About 30 students are going for the academic year and there are other students who will be leaving for the calendar year.

Jeet and Sharon had a meeting with a delegation from Estonia. This is an interesting opportunity because they have courses offered in English and Russian.

Students have started to apply for the London and Costa Rica Spring 2023 programs.

It's looking like we'll have a Health Science and Healthcare Administration joint program going to Uganda and Tanzania in Winter and next Summer. We are looking for nursing faculty who are interested in leading this program. These are 15-day programs.

Question: Can we do two courses together, forensic science and forensic nursing?

Answer: Offer two different courses and do the activities together.

CHHS information: there is an international public health program being developed.

- d. Richard Marcus - Director of the Global Studies Institute and the International Studies Program

Re-approved for the next 5 years!

Hosted the Curris lecture for the first time since the pandemic. Pretty successful. Was held at the Japanese garden and was hybrid. Richard said he would like to keep these elements for future Curris lectures.

CSU Global – online journal

Has been a much bigger undertaking than expected. Still on track to launch in Jan 2023. Looking for associate editors. Please let Richard know if you are interested.

The journal will be an outlet to publish on issues that are important to faculty and students with the common thread of global issues related to California.

By the first meeting in the fall, Richard should have a draft website to share.

GSI social media presence has been worked on.

Like and follow on all the social media platforms.

Website got an upgrade.

Development Diplomat in Residence: Derrick Brown (derrick@usaid.edu)

He will be continuing in the fall. He holds regular office hours for students. He does a lot of work in collaboration with the Career Development Center as well.

We have a new Peace Corps recruiter now.

CA Global Education project grant is continuing.

Global education inventory project is about done.

There is quite a lot of change. The analyses will continue on in the summer and Richard will have a report for the committee in the fall.

GSI is continuing to support Luke Wagner for his role in COIL.

GSI has spring board meeting tomorrow.

Question: Given the current war by Russia, what should be our stance working with Russia and the 5-stans?

Answer: Some EU and US institutions have canceled their relationships with Russia. We have 1 student from Russia. Jeet met with them. Jeet suggested approaching the situation from a "risk point of view". We don't have an official partner in Russia. Jeet has not heard anything from the CSU system and there is no official position that has been announced.

e. Lesley Farmer - Phi Beta Delta (honorary society for international scholars)

Thank you Alicia for nominating a few members.

Thank you everyone who attended our last two webinars.

We are looking forward to the fall. If you are planning on organizing an event related to different cultures please let PBD know. They are interested in co-sponsoring.

### III. New Business

#### a. Elections

Lesley moved to elect a chair in this meeting. Stephen seconded the motion.

Suggestion: Hold off on electing vice chair and recorder so that new people in the fall can participate in the elections.

Nominations:

Kholoud (cannot. Her term is ending)

Alessandro (decline. Faculty Council chair)

Ann (decline. Going up for Tenure)

John (decline. On sabbatical)

Ann will convene the first executive board meeting as the only board member who is returning.

Question: how will the meetings meet next academic year?

Answer: Alicia will check with the Academic Senate.

We can't decide to meet in person now because the univ policies are still in place. We will learn more about what the Senate decides over the summer. We also don't know if meeting online is an option, regardless of Academic Senate's decision.

Information from Jeet: There is a telecommuting policy that is being drafted both at the campus level and the system level. Management has been asked to be back on campus at least 4 days a week starting from June 1 and full-time come fall semester. The trend seems to be towards coming back to campus but there is no definitive answer right now.

Alicia will put in the report that the committee prefers to meet online.

### IV. Old Business

a. Education Abroad Subcommittee.

New cohort is ready to go. They were notified.

Richard Haesley agreed to be the convening chair. He will call the group together in the first meeting for the fall.

Reminder – since we have staggering term, next year the committee will need to vote for new members.

b. IEC Subcommittee and Working Groups Update

I. COIL Subcommittee

COIL Subcommittee will move the webinars that were synchronous to be asynchronous. The content will be housed on Canvas.

The committee is looking for funding to support COIL efforts. Please send any opportunities you know of to Maria and Luke.

II. Student Study Abroad Working Group

III. Faculty International Exchange Working Group

Alicia's suggestions: We can seek out more people who might want to work on these working groups. Getting the word out has always been a challenge. One of the tasks for next year could be to get information out in a more streamlined way. Maybe we can strengthen information sharing through social media.

Thank you, Alicia for serving this year.

Motion to adjourn by Alicia. Seconded by Alessandro.

Meeting adjourned at 1:54pm

Recorded by Ann Kim