

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

Minutes #1: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Noon – 1:45 PM (via Zoom)

Attendees:

Laura Gonzalez, Ming Chen, Min Gu, Stephen Adams, Zheng Wang, Claudia Huang, Seunghoon Jeong, Gracie Cole, Alessandro Russo, Laura Emery, Jeet Joshee, Richard Marcus, Jacqueline Record, Eugenia Kim, Sharon Olson, Shamin Mirza, Izhan Ahmed, Lesley Farmer

- I. Welcome
- II. Administrative
 - a. Approval of May 9, 2023 minutes. **Approved**
 - b. Approval of Agenda. **Approved**
- III. Election of Recorder and Member-at-Large
 - a. Alessandro Russo self nominates to be Member-at-Large. Elected with 100% of votes. Thank you, Alessandro!
 - b. No nominations for Recorder
- IV. Announcements:
 - a. Barbara Grossman-Thompson, Fulbright Scholarship Advisor:
 - i. Fulbright scholarships are for US citizens only; Alumni can also apply.
 - ii. All student applicants meet with a faculty committee to get substantive feedback on their essays.
 - iii. Laura Gonzalez and Claudia Huang responded to a Doodle poll and were part of the review committee.
 - iv. Gilman scholarships were also discussed: these are government-funded scholarships for undergraduates who are US citizens and Pell grant recipients to study abroad for a semester, short application, and no GPA requirement.
 - v. Barbara also sent out Instagram flyers to IEC to be distributed to departments and social media on informational sessions for these scholarships. More information here <https://www.csulb.edu/office-of->

[undergraduate-research-services-ours/article/gilman-and-fulbright-study-abroad](https://cla.csulb.edu/centers/globalstudies/ours/article/gilman-and-fulbright-study-abroad)

- b. Richard Marcus, Director, Global Studies Institute (GSI) mentioned several exciting initiatives:
- i. <https://cla.csulb.edu/centers/globalstudies/csuglobal> is launched!
www.calstate.edu/csuglobal A Canvas blast was sent to campus on 9/15. Faculty, staff, and students are welcome to submit for publication. **csuglobal** is an online publication exploring the implications of the growing interconnectedness of the world by drawing on the rich intellectual resources of the faculty, staff, and students of the 23 California State University campuses. It includes three sections: **csuglobaljournal** - a peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal featuring scholarly articles, reports, and studies from CSU faculty, staff, and students. **csuglobalaction** - dedicated to teaching excellence, student success, and classroom experience. **csuglobalCA** - a 'zine designed to highlight the local/global connections operating in California today.
 - ii. California Global Education Project (CGEP): supports professional learning for PK-12 educators. CSULB is a regional site serving LB and LA
<http://calgloaled.org/moreaboutlb>
 - iii. GSI in collaboration with Jeet/CDC – Development Diplomat in Residence. We recently welcomed our new DDIR: Karen Kilmowski. She is now available as a resource for faculty. She holds office hours for students to help advise on internships and employment in government positions (particularly State Dept and USAID). See attached and her resume attached.
 - iv. Global Fellows <https://cla.csulb.edu/centers/globalstudies/global-fellows-program/> Applications are due October 20. In Year 1 Fellows complete an approved internship, service learning, or training In Year 2 Fellows complete a project of their own design.
 - v. GSI and CDC collaborate on hosting a Strategic Peace Corps Recruiter (STRAT). We are currently actively looking for a new STRAT. This person must be a Return Peace Corps Volunteer. It is a 50% position. Previous STRATS have held a second CSULB 50% position or have been pursuing a master's while in the position. Please share with your networks.

- c. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement:
 - i. This semester we have 500 new degree students and 200 Study Abroad students on campus and about the same number in American Language Institute (ALI). An increase on last year.
 - ii. Enrollment in CECS (Computer Science and Computer Engineering) graduate program was capped due to heavy demand from qualified applicants. No new students in Spring 2024 and application deadline is now January 15 for Fall 2024 admittance. Some students were redirected to majors other than CECS.
 - iii. Many US Counsellor offices abroad are still not back to normal.
 - iv. In India it is taking 6-8 weeks for an interview for F1 visas. In Nepal, it is over 6 months for an interview.
 - v. In Africa, over 50% of visa applications are denied (no idea why)
 - vi. AVP Joshee has been lobbying the State Department and asking why it is taking so long?
 - vii. Enrollment Services is moving under Student Affairs; it's not clear how that will affect CIE.

- d. Eugenia Kim, Executive Director, Center for International Education:
 - i. USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) has returned to pre-Covid policies which restricts the number of online units that can be taken.
 - ii. Undergraduate International students must take a minimum total of 12 units, but at least 9 credits must be in-person or hybrid.
 - iii. Graduate students must take a minimum total of 8 units, but at least 6 units must be in-person or hybrid. The remaining units can be taken online.
 - iv. International Education Week is November 13-17. Eugenia will be sending out a call for proposals to campus. CIE is planning to have an International Students Ally program like they had a few years ago during IEW.

- e. Sharon L. Olson, Director, Education Abroad:
 - i. We had 28 faculty and more than 400 students abroad this Summer.

- ii. Sharon asked for volunteers for reviewing ASI scholarships. Laura Gonzalez, Ashley, and Hema volunteered. Applications are due October 1 and will be reviewed in the first part of November.
 - iii. CIE is planning to launch a study abroad program in South Africa in Fall 2024. There will be a call for faculty to teach two upper division GE courses from two categories in early October.
 - iv. Planning is underway for a Study Abroad program in January 2024 with a Long Beach Sister City in Qingdao, China for a not-for-credit program to investigate business in China.
- f. Lesley Farmer, President, Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars encouraged us to join:
<https://www.csulb.edu/international/phi-beta-delta>

**Please share all relevant information through your faculty listservs.

V. Upcoming:

- a. PAW (Professors Around the World) applications will be due in March 2024 <https://www.csulb.edu/international/faculty-staff/paw-research-grants> . We will be asking for volunteers to review.
- b. ASI student scholarship application review update – see above under announcements e.2.
- c. Projects for this year:
 - i. COIL certificate program update
 - ii. International Education-related policy recommendations for RTP policies – Consider proposing policy in each college faculty council.

CLA – doesn't have anything; up to the individual to talk about it.

CNSM – mentions study abroad in additional instruction.

COE – doesn't have any mention.

CED – we follow the university; study abroad listed under instructionally-related activities.

COB – doesn't have any mention.

COTA – updates to come.

Meeting adjourned at 1.30pm

Respectfully submitted by Hema Ramachandran