

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

Minutes #2: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Noon – 1:45 PM (via Zoom) Join Zoom Meeting

<https://csulb.zoom.us/j/86487568407>

Present: Hema Ramachandran, Jeet Joshee, Sharon Olson, Alessandro Russo, Amr Morsy, Ashley Carter, Claudia Huana, Eugenia Kim, Izzy Ahmed, Jacqueline Record, John Wang, Laura Emery, Laura Gonzelas, Lesley Farmer, Marina Aghekyan, Min Gu, Ming Chen, Shamin Mirza, Soyeon Kim, Stephen Adams, Steven Osuna

- I. Welcome
- II. IEC charge <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-senate/international-education-committee-iec>
- III. Administrative
 - a. Approval of September 12, 2023, minutes. **Approved**
 - b. Approval of Agenda. **Approved**
- IV. Election of Recorder: Lesley Farmer will serve. Thank you, Lesley.
- V. Announcements:
 - a. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement:
 - i. Jeet mentioned some government bills about international study. India now has the most students who study abroad and dominates the number of graduate students in engineering (more than China). Applications are also up from India in Canada. A new trend is an increase in undergraduate applications in the US.
 - ii. There was a question about call for proposals for the PAW (Professors Across the World) program <https://www.csulb.edu/international/faculty-staff/paw-research-grants> A call will go out in early Spring semester.
 - iii. CSULB tuition will increase by 6% for 2024-5, which will be the same for all students including non-resident students (international students are in this category).
 - b. Eugenia Kim, Executive Director, Center for International Education.
 - i. The IEW (International Education Week, Nov 13-17) event proposal form was sent out to IEC – due date for proposals is Nov 1); the form was also sent out via the Provost’s office.

- ii. International Student Ally training will occur on Nov. 15. Eugenia will send us information.
- c. Sharon L. Olson, Director: Education Abroad.
 - i. All students have been nominated for study abroad on our exchange programs in 2024. Some students are still waiting for a decision by the exchange partner.
 - ii. An email was sent to all faculty on October 9 requesting applications from faculty who have an interest in teaching in the CSULB Semester programs in Florence (Fall 2024), London (Spring 2025) and the new South Africa Semester program (Fall 2024). The application deadline is November 3.
 - iii. We had 46 applications for ASI study abroad scholarship - Shamin Mirza volunteered to review in addition to Laura Gonzalez, Ashley and Hema. Reviewers will be sent information soon.
 - iv. Study Abroad will have a table at CLA Day on Oct. 17, 12-2pm upper quad and will be recruiting for the semester programs mentioned above.
- d. Richard Marcus, Global Studies Institute: tabled
- e. Lesley Farmer, Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars <https://www.csulb.edu/international/phi-beta-delta>. PBD is planning a table and Asian event for International Education Week. Laura Gonzalez has been selected to join PBD.

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

- VI. Election of IEC Members to serve on the Study Abroad Committee for the 2023-24 academic year in order to approve MOUs (proposals for new partnerships). Zheng Wang, Ming Chen, Laura Gonzalez, and Steven Osuna volunteered to review the applications and report back to the IEC. Their self-nominations were accepted. Sharon mentioned two new university partners: Chulalongkorn University (Thailand) and Ewha Womans University (Korea).
- VII. Election of one or two volunteers from IEC to interview faculty applications to teach on the Florence and the new South Africa Semester Programs. The interview committee will also include faculty who have previously taught on semester-long programs. Marina Aghhekyan and Laura Gonzalez volunteered. Min Gu volunteered as a backup.
- VIII. Volunteer requested to represent IEC on the Faculty Center Advisory Board <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-senate/faculty-center-advisory-board>. No one volunteered so Hema will serve (she is already on the FCAB).
- IX. Possible Projects for this year:

- i. COIL (Collaborative Online International Program) (<https://sites.csulb.edu/coil/>) which includes resources and how to get started <https://sites.csulb.edu/coil/index.php/getting-started/> The contact person is Luke Wagner who is a Lecturer in Sociology. Jeet mentioned that COIL is pretty well established and perhaps we just need to do some outreach. It was launched in 2020 following several years of research, planning and development and coordination by the IEC. Ming has run a successful COIL course, and Laura Gonzalez is doing one. Lesley did one too. We could have a sub-committee to promote COIL? Laura G. will propose a panel for International Education Week about COIL. Sharon will send Laura the name of a history faculty who teaches a COIL course.
- ii. International Education-related policy recommendations for RTP policies – Consider proposing policy in each college faculty council. The Academic Senate is working on this issue for RTP. Hema will find out if IEC's input will be brought to Academic Senate.

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.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 1:16pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lesley Farmer and Hema Ramachandran