

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

**Minutes #4: Tuesday February 13, 2024**

**Noon – 1:45 PM (via Zoom)**

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Attendees: Steve Adams, Marina Aghekyan, Izzy Ahmed, Ashley Carter, Ming Chen, Gracie Cole, Laura Emery, Lesley Farmer, Laura Gonzalez, Min Gu, Elaine Haglund, Jan Haldipur, Claudia Huang, Jeet Joshee, Sharon Olson, Seung-hoon Jeong, Eugenia Kim, Shamin Mirza, Steven Osuma, Hema Ramachandran, Jacqueline Record, Alessandro Russo, Fangyuan Tian, John Wang

- I. Welcome.
  
- II. Administrative:
  - a. Approval of December 12, 2023, minutes with spelling correction (thanks to Lesley Farmer) M/S/P
  - b. Approval of today's agenda as amended M/S/P
  
- III. Election of Recorder: Lesley will continue pro-tem
  
- IV. Volunteers to review ASI Scholarships for Fall 2024. Deadline for applications is March 11. Sharon Olson described the process and communication. It would be nice to have more applicants. Gracie Cole, Laura Emery, Steven Osuna, and Hema Ramachandran volunteered to review, probably during April. Could some money be reallocated at some point? It could be discussed later.
  
- V. Applications were due on Feb 9 for the new South Korea Semester program and the Costa Rica Semester Program for spring 2025. The Study Abroad Subcommittee will be interviewing faculty on February 23 and submit recommendations to us at the March meeting. IEC is represented by Marina and Laura Gonzalez; Rich Haesly, Ken Curtis, and Mary McPherson are the other members of the committee.
  
- VI. Professors Around the World; the announcement has not been made yet for AY 2024-2025. Jeet noted the need for volunteers to review applications, which will be done at the March meeting. Applications are due March 31. The announcement is not finalized. There is a possible budget issue. Award decisions will be made by April 21.

## VII. Announcements:

- a. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement. A new group of international students were welcomed for spring. Graduate student numbers declined; applications are more selective. The campus plans to expand the number of international students in the fall. There is lobbying in Congress, and the political scene impacts international study. Jeet is finishing his term as head of the Association for International Education Administrators. They collaborated with Long Beach sister cities, including students visiting China recently. The total number of international students is over 1700: 1500 matriculated, 55 exchange students, 97 Study at the Beach, 115 language students. CSULB compares well with other CSU campuses (less so with other Research I institutions). We had the most Fulbright applicants in 2023.
- b. Eugenia Kim, Executive Director, Center for International Education. New international students get orientation to campus resources, including the library. ISS helps international students with basic needs, and they help them with off-campus issues. Izzy is planning an on-campus international student alumni social networking event, including information about career development, to be held on March 28 4-6 pm.
- c. Sharon L. Olson, Director, Education Abroad. The office is actively recruiting students for summer and next AY. IEC members are encouraged to get the word out. Students are allowed to take one course online while studying abroad. Semester-long programs are popular, especially for Italy, Japan and South Korea.
- d. Elaine Haglund, reporting on behalf of Richard Marcus, Global Studies Institute reported the Institute is flourishing *CSU Global* magazine has been launched.
- e. Elaine Haglund recommended an article for us to read from Institute of International Education (attached to email). It details benefits of international students, including financial impact, advocating for the US when they return home, and increasing critical thinking.
- f. Lesley Farmer, Chapter President of Phi Beta Delta. PBD helped orient the new international students. The PBD virtual conference will be held April 26; Lesley is spearheading the planning. If interested in presenting, contact Lesley because chapters are in charge of selecting presenters. The registration will be available in March.
- g. John Wang. He traced the history of his study abroad efforts. His paper "A Comparative Forensic Education Via a Study-Abroad Approach: Pedagogical Experiences in the United Kingdom, Scotland, and Canada" has been accepted by The 76<sup>th</sup> Academy of Forensic Sciences' Annual Scientific Conference (2024); he will present it next week in Denver.
- h. Announcement: Steven Osuna urged faculty to vote on the contract (if they are members).

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

VIII. Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Laura Gonzalez has contacted COIL faculty to improve support for collaborating. She plans to survey the campus stakeholders. Working on technical difficulties with COIL website and working with Faculty Center to promote COIL.

IX. Possible Projects for this year: list only

- i. 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.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 1:11pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lesley Farmer (with edits by Hema Ramachandran)