

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

**Minutes #7: April 8, 2025**  
**Noon – 1:45 PM (via Zoom)**  
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Attendees: Marine Aghekyan, Ashley Carter, Alessandro Russo, Jan Haldipur, Elaine Haglund, Christian A. Bracho, Bo Fu, Caitlin Fouratt, Zheng Wang, Hema Ramachandran, Laura Gonzalez, Susan Shanley, Fangyuan Tian, Sharon Olson, Amr Morsy, Jeet Joshee, Eugenia Kim, Min Gu, Laura Emery

- I. Welcome
- II. Administrative:
  - a. March 11 Minutes approved.
  - b. Today's agenda approved.
- III. Announcements:
  - a. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement. Jeet shared information regarding student visas. There is heightened scrutiny of visas issued and at ports of entry. The situation at CSULB was subsequently reported in the local press <https://lbpost.com/news/education/csulb-students-visas-canceled-revoked-cal-state/>. The administration has issued advisories to students and faculty on visas who intend to travel abroad during Spring Break and Summer; if you do not have to travel this year, suggest postponing unless it is an urgent family matter. Students should be cautious in posting on social media.
  - b. Eugenia Kim, Executive Director, Center for International Education. Eugenia provided some details on how they are managing visa issues and helping students.
  - c. Sharon L. Olson, Director, Education Abroad.
    - The South Africa semester and summer programs have been canceled due to lack of interest.
    - The numbers for Summer and Fall programs are up, including IP.
    - Students and faculty reminders on Study Abroad programs – please be vigilant of visas and green cards.

- We have fewer in-bound students.
  - There is a conference of international advisors in May which will be a useful venue to exchange information.
  - Fulbright scholarships have been canceled.
  - Impact on faculty research (RSCA).
- d. ASI-CSULB Study Abroad Scholarships (Sharon)
- Waiting for a couple of team scores for the ASI scholarship program.
- e. Caitlin Fouratt, Acting Director of Global Studies Institute, reminded us about the annual Curris Lecture Wednesday, April 16, [Elena Diane Curris Lecture | California State University Long Beach](#) , and the faculty get-together on the COIL program before the lecture organized by Laura Gonzalez and Malcolm Finney.
- f. The Education Abroad Subcommittee is reviewing the proposal for a new partnership with the Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology in Dublin. There are concerns surrounding it not being a comparable four-year university. We will vote in May.
- g. COIL Updates: Laura Gonzalez
- Training is continuing.
  - We should have standard letters for faculties' RTP files.
  - We need guest lecturers for overseas.