

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

Meeting #1: September 9, 2025

Noon – 1:45 PM (via Zoom)

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Attendees: Narith Chan, Laura Gonzalez, Ming Chen, Christian Bracho, Marine Aghekyan, Zheng (John) Wang, Jan Haldipur, Katarzyna Slowinska, Fangyuan Tian, Shamim Mirza, Amr Morsy, Emily Anne MacDonald, Meng-Jung Yang, Susan Shanley, Mark Hansberry, Alessandro Russo, Laura Emery, Eugenia Kim, Sharon Olson, Richard Marcus, Jose Miguel Palacios

Guests: Yulia Gasio, Dean Smith (COTA)

I. Welcome

II. Administrative:

- a. Approval of May 13 Minutes
- b. Approval of today's agenda
- c. 2025-2026 Elections: Chair Laura Gonzalez, Vice-Chair Jan Haldipur, Recorder Laura Emery, Member-at-Large Susan Shanley
- d. Selection of Education Abroad Subcommittee members for 2025-26: Alessandro Russo, Shamim Mirza, Laura Gonzalez, Mariah Proctor, Marine Aghekya, and Amr Morsy.

III. Announcements:

- a. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement
- b. Discussion, AVP Position—Richard Marcus

The committee discussed concerns about the potential elimination of the AVP position in international education, deciding to draft a letter to the Provost and Academic Senate Executive Committee highlighting its financial and strategic impacts. The letter will be approved via email.

- c. Eugenia Kim, Executive Director, Center for International Education.

CSULB will start celebrating an Global Education Month, instead of one Global Education week. The Global Engagement Month will feature various programs and events including a student panel

d. Sharon L. Olson, Director, Education Abroad

A subcommittee will interview faculty who apply to teach a semester-long abroad with CSULB students in Florence-Italy, Granada-Spain, Kyoto-Japan, London, Seoul-South Korea, San Jose-Costa Rica. New programs in Granada-Spain and Kyoto-Japan. South Africa has been postponed after two failed attempts and lack of student applications. Applications for Fall 2026 due October 3. The study abroad programs offer faculty a full teaching load, stipend for housing and food, flight reimbursement, with the requirement to teach two upper division general education courses. Students take a language class and there is internship component. CSULB reimburses department for vacant rate. Marine Aghekya and Laura Gonzalez will be in the interview subcommittee in representation of IEC. The subcommittee has a set of questions asked to all applicants.

The Education Abroad Subcommittee will start reviewing a potential new partnership with a university in Japan. Sharon Olson explained the subcommittee's role in reviewing proposals for new agreements with partner universities abroad.

ASI-CSULB Study Abroad Scholarships. Sharon requested volunteers to help review applications due to a reduced budget. Laura Gonzalez, Alessandro Russo, Ming Chen and Susan Shanley will review student applications due October 3 for Winter 26 and Spring 26 study abroad.

f. COIL Updates.

Laura Gonzalez, CSULB acting COIL coordinator, provided an update on COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) initiatives, noting efforts to coordinate with faculty and address support challenges.

g. Agreement Proposal Vote.

The meeting discussed an ongoing collaboration between CSULB and the Institute of Art Design and Technology, Dun Laoghaire in Ireland. Yulia Gasio presented the proposal and Dean Smith provided additional information. The committee noted the potential for future interdisciplinary offerings and previous experience. The committee discussed and approved unanimously a partnership proposal with the Institute of Art Design and Technology, Dun Laoghaire, with Dean Smith expressing support and offering assistance. The next step would be to move forward with the legal agreement.

IV. New Business

Enhancing Initiatives in International Education. The committee discussed improving their meetings by dedicating time to educate members about campus international initiatives. The committee will focus on one topic per meeting such as COIL, Global Studies Institute, or study abroad programs. Laura Gonzalez will present COIL, Sharon Olson will introduce the scope and history of global agreements, Caitlin and Richard will introduce the Global Studies Institute, and Marine will introduce faculty experience in study abroad partnerships. The IEC committee decided to devote time in each meeting to discuss different aspects of committee duties and for members and attendees to introduce their expertise.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm