

California State University, Long Beach
International Education Committee (IEC) 2025-2026 Annual Report
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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: MISSION AND CHARGE

The International Education Committee (IEC) strives to develop and sustain a comprehensive international ethos throughout the California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) campus community. The IEC promotes global literacy at CSULB by fostering the internationalization of curricula and encouraging international experiences among faculty, staff, and students.

The duties of the International Education Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Promoting a collaborative effort toward a “globally engaged campus community” as stated in the CSULB Mission Statement.
2. Proposing policies and policy revisions as appropriate related to International Education to CEPC.
3. Collaborating with colleges, departments, and the Associate Vice President for International Education and Global Engagement to encourage and facilitate interdisciplinary curricular and programmatic internationalization.
4. Providing guidance, recommendations, and advocacy for International Education.
5. Supporting faculty efforts related to International Education.
6. Contributing advice and recommendations on International Educational linkages.
7. Encouraging efforts that enhance funding for International Education-related initiatives and research.
8. Coordinating the work of International Education Committee subcommittees and working groups pertaining to International Education.
9. Submitting an annual report of the committee’s activities to the chair of the Curriculum and Educational Policies Council (CEPC).

2025-2026 IEC elected officers

Laura Gonzalez, Chair

Jan Haldipur, Vice Chair

Susan Shanley, Member-at-Large

No Recorder elected this year thanks to AI (Laura Emery recorded minutes at the beginning)

Evaluation Groups for the IEC in 2025-2026

- **ASI Study Abroad scholarships**

Scholarship reviewers for Spring 2026 applications: Laura Gonzalez, Alessandro Russo, Ming Chen and Susan Shanley.

Scholarship reviewers for Fall 2026 applications: Laura Gonzalez, Susan Shanley, Jess Martin, Alessandro Russo, Mariah Proctor, Amy Morsy, Kari Darby, Shamim Mirza

- **Education Abroad Committee**

Two members (Laura Gonzalez and Marine Aghekyan) represented IEC to interview faculty for Semester-long study abroad programs (London, Florence, Japan, S. Korea, Spain) faculty positions.

Priorities of the 2025-2026 IEC

1. Continued to strengthen connection with campus partners to support the **new International Education Month**.

2. **Administrative support for CSULB international initiatives.** Sent a recommendation to the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate and the Provost regarding the hiring of a new senior administrator to replace the retiring Associate Vice President for International Education and Global Engagement (Jeet Joshee). The IEC recommended that the position remain at the AVP level.

3. **Competency building**

- a. **Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)** has been dormant since key faculty left CSULB. One of the IEC members, Laura Gonzalez, is reestablishing the program by conducting an audit of existing COIL and study-abroad faculty, and reconnecting with the Faculty Center. Survey results were shared with IEC and Academic Affairs.

- b. Presentations of offices, centers and initiatives that support International Education and Engagement across campus. The committee discussed improving their meetings by dedicating time to educate members about campus international initiatives. The committee focused on one topic per meeting such as COIL, Global Studies Institute, or study abroad programs. Laura Gonzalez presented COIL, Sharon Olson introduced Education Abroad services using department websites as well as the scope and history of global agreements, Caitlin Fouratt introduced the Global Studies Institute, and Marine Aghekyan introduced faculty experience in study abroad partnerships.

4. **Access for students**

- a. **ASI-CSULB Study Abroad Scholarships.** Review of Spring and Fall 2026 applications.

- b. Assisted in promoting several campus events: International Education Month, Global Studies Institute programs, etc.

- c. **Four (4) New approved Partnerships** during 2025-2026

Institute of Art Design and Technology, Dun Laoghaire, Ireland.

University of Sussex, United Kingdom

Institute of Universal Art and Design, Milan, Italy
Aoyama Gakuin University, Japan

Future Development

- **COIL – Collaborative Online International Learning**

Support innovation – Continue to recruit and encourage CSULB faculty to incorporate Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) pedagogy by making COIL materials available for the campus community and providing workshops in collaboration with the Faculty Center.

Collaborate and expand – Continue working with campus partners and removing barriers to COIL development.

- **RTP evaluation guidelines**

Remove barriers to engagement – Develop policy recommendations around international education efforts to be considered in the retention, tenure, and promotion policy of each college that may be proposed to the faculty council of each college.

Summary

As an Academic Senate committee consisting of faculty, staff, students, and administrators representing the Colleges and Units of the University, the IEC convenes to bring insight into the diverse opportunities and challenges associated with international education. IEC members are the ambassadors of international education within their colleges and units. In this capacity, IEC members promote opportunities for students and faculty, such as exchange and semester-long study abroad programs; COIL initiatives, and curricular innovations, and support campus efforts through reviewing international partnership proposals, faculty-led teaching applications, and ASI scholarship applications for students.

During the 2025-2026 academic year, IEC members reviewed two rounds of ASI scholarship applications, approved the faculty-led recommendations for the five semester-long study abroad programs and reviewed proposals for four new university partnerships.

IEC members voted to continue meeting via Zoom for AY 2026-2027.