

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

### **Minutes # 2: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 Noon – 2:00 PM (per Zoom) Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://csulb.zoom.us/j/85132823565>

Meeting ID: 851 3282 3565

Attendance: Babs Grossman-Thompson, Ann Kim, Kholoud Khaill, Charles Slater, Allison Lloyd, Eugenia Kim, Shailesh Chandra, Jeet Joshee, Kim Glick, Ming Chen, Sharon Olson, Alessandro Russo, Xochitl Lopez, Sarvenaz Hatami, Mona Zanhour, Lesley Farmer, Heather Graham, George Martinez, Pei-Fang, Heather Barker, Maria Aceituno, Elaine Haglund, Richard Marcus, Alicia Del Campo

- I. Administrative
  - a. Approval of October 13, 2020 Minutes: Jeet moved, Kim second. No opposed, no abstentions.
  - b. Approval of Agenda: Ming moved, Lesley second. No opposed, no abstentions.
- II. Announcements
  - a. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement; Dean, College of Professional and International Education

Our campus partners are feeling optimistic after the election results.

There is currently a lawsuit regarding the international student visa – pending now.

We have been given the go-ahead for a small select group of study abroad programs for the spring. There is a meeting scheduled to determine how to move forward. The idea is to make plans but to not make any commitments (such as, booking lodging).

There will be some limited activities for International Education Week.

Question – will travel be reinstated for faculty anytime soon?

Answer – the general system-wide travel ban is in effect till June 2021. Two exceptions have been made recently and only the president can make that exception. These two projects had grant-ties, time requirements for research efforts to be made at a particular time.

- b. CIE Updates – Eugenia Kim, Executive Director

International Education Week – ISS is done with the program so information will be up today or tomorrow.

Xochitl – Hoping to continue the Intercultural Diplomats program in the Spring. Updates to come. Meeting to happen with Barbara Doten California Global Education Project at CSU Long Beach.

- c. Education Abroad Updates - Sharon L. Olson - Director, Education Abroad

We have over 40 students who are waiting to study abroad. Partners in Asia (school starts in March) and Australia (school starts in Feb) are accepting students but students have to make a decision in January to decide to enroll at CSULB or wait to possibly go. Currently students are being encouraged to plan and prepare.

Events to look out for:

- There will be a virtual photo gallery of photos students took while abroad.
- Wednesday 4-5 pm - International Perspectives: a panel of study abroad alumni, sharing their experiences
- Scholarship workshop – Linda Olson-Levy will be presenting on how to write applications for Fulbright, etc...
- Wok Around the World- A group of Communication Studies students put together a cooking show program
- A session where 60 of our partners are invited to Zoom in to talk about their current plans and their thoughts on the future: Taking classes online at those partner schools.

Question: What is the status of summer?

Answer: It depends on the country faculty want to go to. We are in a holding pattern.

Question: Should we encourage faculty to apply to lead study abroad?

Answer: Again, it depends: location, when, travel. Have them contact me directly.

Question: Virtual Internships?

Answer: It hasn't taken off. We may get some traction next summer but right now, I haven't seen anything. There's a Korean University that is offering Korean language and culture lessons for free for 2 weeks in January. Institutions are trying.

d. Richard Marcus - Director of the Global Studies Institute and the International Studies Program

No updates.

Question – Can you give an update on University 301?

Answer – We are working on a GE mechanism for faculty-led study abroad. The goal is to have upper division GE B, C, and D, in addition to GE WI so that faculty don't have to create a new class. With the changing GE policies, we are working with GEGC.

e. Lesley Farmer - Phi Beta Delta (honorary society for international scholars)

We also have events during IEW.

- 9:30 am Webinar on diplomat careers
- 10:30 am How to do international research during the pandemic?
- Induction ceremony – there is still time to join:  
<https://www.ccpe.csulb.edu/international/phi-beta-delta>

### III. New Business

#### a. COIL Sub-Committee Progress – Maria Aceituno

Sub-Committee meeting happened yesterday (11.9.20)

There is a website up and running. It has basic information: [sites.csulb.edu/coil/](https://sites.csulb.edu/coil/)

We will be gathering more information and resources for students and faculty.

We will be running an information session through the faculty center this semester.

We are also pulling together a certificate program that will be through the Faculty Center for Professional Development for spring semester.

\*Reminder: those of us who are not on the COIL sub-committee, our role is to share our IEC efforts to the departments and colleges we are part of.

Jeet shared with Babs an email with interest from Peru through Guido

\*The issue of involvement of non-IEC members is old business. Currently, anyone can attend and volunteer. However, we have not made any decisions on these individuals taking on roles.

#### b. Improving Student Application Rates to International Opportunities - Babs

We have a disproportionately low application and success rate.

One of the reasons for this is because of the limited knowledge at the faculty level. Linda Olson-Levy has been working on improving this:

Babs will be holding two faculty workshops: Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 2:00PM – 3:00PM and Friday, November 20, 10:00AM – 11:00AM through FCPD

Is this something IEC is interested in?

Question – is there a database for this?

Answer – there is some information on our website

(<https://www.cpie.csulb.edu/international/study-abroad/study-outside-the-us#/financing/scholarships>). Also there is a list with information: name, brief description, general due date that was put together by I/ST faculty.

\*Note- If there is any information missing, please speak up so that it may be updated.

Comment – We should focus on scholarships as well as post-grad job opportunities (like JET).

Comment – We can do better. We can see that the past recipients of the Gilman Scholarship look similar to our students.

#### c. IEC 2020-21 Goals

Ideas brainstormed in small groups

1. PR
2. How do we work with international students online?
3. How do we work with international faculty?
4. How do we prepare students for international scholarships and careers?
5. The importance of dealing with COVID19 and how do we keep our relationships.
6. How do we continue international research?

7. Expanding and encouraging COIL
8. Making information about international opportunities more available
9. Several years ago each college was charged with finding someone in the college who was doing international work and presented that to the committee for the committee to learn more about the international efforts on our campus
10. IEC could play a strong advocacy role in pushing the university's international/global mission, especially given the coming fiscal challenges and therefore competing priorities the university will face
11. Put together a video introducing international study that faculty could add to their BB sites (goes with #1)

Sharon shared that there are videos (study abroad information session, how to navigate the website) that are being produced currently. These videos will be shared soon.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASnmHOSaY44>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvfFNDhgZbc&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.cpie.csulb.edu/international/study-abroad/study-outside-the-us#/explore-csulb-programs>

<https://www.cpie.csulb.edu/international/study-abroad/study-outside-the-us#/information-sessions>

[https://youtu.be/aXFt\\_ReNP\\_Y](https://youtu.be/aXFt_ReNP_Y)

Question – Are there policies around the delayed visas?

Answer – Jeet: We are dealing with those situations.

#### IV. Old Business

- a. COIL Sub-Committee Goals for 2020-21
- b. IEC Sub-Committee Policy

Background – Heather Barker

We do not have any specific policies for the sub-committees approved yet. The sub-committees want to have the ability to have broad membership while still having commitment to IEC.

East Asia sub-committee seemed to have a good working model.

The idea of having a policy encountered pushback.

There are some standards put forth by the Academic Senate and other bodies on campus. So we should keep those in mind while making a policy that works for us.

Richard – There is a focus on open access, not exclusionary or exclusive in terms of membership.

There are questions around identity expectations and membership.

How do we ensure greater inclusivity? As a committee will we have any parameters around membership based on identity?

Past-Chair Heather will be sharing a draft from last year available on Beachboard.