

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

Minutes # 4: Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Noon – 2:00 PM (per Zoom)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 847 7558 8847

Attendees: Ann Kim, Kholoud Khalil, Alessandro Russo, Alicia Del Campo, Heather Graham, Reina Silva, Kim Glick, Stephen Adams, Jan Haldipur, Sharon Olson, Shamim Mirza, Eugenia Kim, Sarvenaz Hatami, Hema Ramachandran, John Wang (left at 12:26), Jeet Joshee, Lesley Farmer, Shailesh Chandra, Soyeon Kim, Elaine Haglund,

I. Administrative

- a. Approval of October Nov. 9, 2021 Minutes. Kholoud moved, Reina second.
- b. Approval of Agenda. Lesley moved, Reina second.

II. Announcements

- a. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement; Dean, College of Professional and International Education

Overall, everything is moving forward.

Postponement of F2F instruction prompted some international students to delay coming to the US and therefore are still arriving.

There have been some positive developments on the national front.

The optional practical training (OPT) that every student is eligible for has just been expanded to include 22 additional STEM fields.

Question. Wasn't this available for everyone?

Answer. OPT is available for everyone for 1 year after they obtain the degree. STEM degree holders would get additional 2 years. And now additional fields have been added to receive this extra time.

Question. How many degrees do we grant that fall under those categories?

Answer. Jeet has passed on the list of degrees that can get 3 years of OPT. He will get the numbers from IR+A at some point.

Comment. It seems that we can use this to recruit more international students to our campus.

A new bill has been proposed to include some of the health professions as well.

The US is also trying to develop our own equivalent of the Confucius Institute.

For the first time, a government statement was issued on the issue of international education.

A new advisory committee on international education has been formed (the previous existing committee was canceled by the Trump administration). Nominations are open now (anticipated to close Feb 15). This will be the main advising body to the Department of Homeland Security.

Question. How will this help us in practical terms?

Answer. International Education is under the advisory of Dept of Homeland Security and Dept of Education. The committee can advise for expanded funding for international education programs and we can expect more policy advocacy.

b. CIE Updates – Eugenia Kim, Executive Director, Center for International Education

We have about 130 international students who have checked in. We have about a dozen who are still on the way (due to visa, proof of vaccination, etc).

Service center is still looking for an advisor. We have hired a coordinator and he is in training right now.

We are starting a ticketing system so that students can know that their requests have been received. We are trying to streamline support.

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

We had 128 students abroad during the winter session. There were a few that tested positive but none had any symptoms. Some even didn't know they had covid till they were tested to fly back. Overall students were happy and enjoyed their trips.

We have about 100 students who are either gone for the spring or are getting ready to go. The last two years we had been sending students to Korea primarily. Now students are going to the full range of countries.

We ran both London and Florence programs this spring. One student tested positive in London and the student was not ill.

Question. In the news, UK didn't require masks. Is that right?

Answer. UK never required it. Other countries in Europe had stricter regulations.

We have a lot of faculty members who are planning summer abroad programs. All of the programs have more applications than they are hoping to take. The interest is strong.

We have a lot of interest for fall and spring next academic year.

Associated Students will continue their funding of scholarships for semester-long and year-long programs.

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

No update.

- e. Lesley Farmer - Phi Beta Delta (honorary society for international scholars): <https://www.cpie.csulb.edu/international/phi-beta-delta>

There is still time for members to pay their dues. You can drop a check off with Heidi Zhang in the Foundation office. Membership is open to upper classmen, graduate students, staff, and faculty.

There is a webinar coming up- Scholarly writing for international students. Hema Ramachandran will be the speaker. There will be other webinars with librarians from Nepal (Head of the Nepalese school library association) and Korea.

We are looking for liaisons from the College of the Arts.

Phi Beta Delta's international conference (May 21-22) will be virtual. You can still submit proposals (phibetadelta.org).

They might accept proposals not in English.

Phi Beta Delta has a peer reviewed journal. Keep it in mind for future publication submissions.

III. New Business

- a. 12:30 PM Time certain 12:30. Tim Keirn. The London/Florence Faculty Selection Committee.

Overview- The Education Abroad subcommittee would recruit faculty to apply for these programs (and the Costa Rica program). These are semester-long programs. The selection committee has always been made up of faculty who have previously taught in the program.

London. 6 applications. Unanimously picked Chris Karadjov is the first pick. First time the journalism dept participated in this program. He is well connected to the media in London, have traveled there many times. The alternate is Mariah Proctor (Art History). Fullerton's faculty pick was chosen before our choice and their choice was an Art Historian. That was considered as well.

Question. What sort of support do faculty receive?

Answer. London- Faculty airfare is provided and they get a subsidy for housing. They are covered for all the cultural activities while there. They are teaching all of their courses so they receive their salary. For Florence and Costa Rica, faculty receive a housing stipend.

Florence. Daniela Zappador Guerra- (RGRL). Familiar with Florence, an instructor of Italian.

Alternate is Mary McPherson (Comm).

Question. What support is there for faculty with families?

Answer. Children have gone on the trip with faculty. AIFS works with faculty to find appropriate options for them.

Move to accept the nominations – Alicia; Second by Jeet
Vote – all members present voted yes.

Costa Rica. The application process was not restarted. Kurt Davidson (Recreation studies) was selected pre-COVID shut down and he is still available to go. So he was offered the opportunity to lead the trip now. Sharon's update: Cal Poly Pomona is interested in partnering for this trip in 2023.

b. Education Abroad Subcommittee. Terms, Elections and Nominations.

We need to fill the subcommittee.

Background – IEC is a subcommittee of the Academic Senate. IEC can determine how we manage our subcommittee. The charge of this subcommittee includes reviewing newly establishing international partnerships and will assist the London/Florence faculty selection. The committee meets once in the fall to select a chair and a recorder and business is conducted via email. When a partnership is reviewed, the subcommittee brings the recommendation to the IEC meeting.

Currently, the subcommittee does not have any partnership business to review for spring 22.

In the past, there was a suggestion that the committee reviews proposals for that are up for renewal. This suggestion was not followed up with.

Suggestion- IEC members spread the word and encourage self nominations to join the subcommittee. Individuals who would like to be part of the subcommittee will need to submit a paragraph of their qualifications and interest.

Suggestion- Ask Charles Slater (CED) and Rich Haesly (CLA) to serve for one more semester since these two seats have only spring 2022 left in the term. Their charge will be to write a call (about a paragraph) for self nominations. Ann will reach out to Charles and Rich to write this call.

Once the call is written, the call will go out through each college's listserv.

Alessandro Russo will help spread the information with staff.

Information distribution general suggestion

Have a shared document-calendar where information is centrally located so that we can put information there and all members can access it. Could be on OneDrive. Kholoud will create this. The expectation will be that all members will be able to see the information that needs to be distributed.

- c. We have 3 new student members: Reina Silva is in attendance here. Other students will be attending next month.

IV. Old Business

- a. IEC Subcommittee and Working Groups Update
 - ii. COIL Subcommittee

Meeting adjourned at 2:01pm. Moved by Ann and seconded by Reina. Recorded by Ann Kim.