

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

Minutes # 5: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Noon – 2:00 PM (per Zoom)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

I. Administrative

- a. Approval of February 9, 2021 Minutes: Jeet moved, Lesley second.
- b. Approval of Agenda: Charles moved, George second.

II. Announcements

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

1. Good news – Been working with the Development office to establish an endowment for study abroad. We have a new scholarship that gives priority for two programs: Israel program and Mexico program. If there are not enough students to use the money for those two programs, we will be able to use it for other programs.

Norma Tarrow (Emeriti faculty from CED)- \$100,000. When she was on campus, she was active in IEC. She started those two programs and was the resident director of the programs.

The goal is to raise money to create a \$5 million endowment fund.

2. Professors Around the World (PAW) program – the funding is tied to the fiscal year. Jeet will be requesting funding again for 2021-2022. Fall is uncertain. Goal is to bring it back for spring 2022.

Question: how many awards are given?

Answer: Started with 25. The total amount of funding secured in the recent years has been a total of \$50,000. The award has a ceiling of \$2,500/project. We will try to do the same when the funding comes back. In the past, IEC members served as application reviewers.

Currently, considering 1 cycle/year, a change from 2 cycle/year in the past. The change was considered because funding amount most likely won't change and 1 cycle allows for faculty to have more time.

Question: Can you elaborate on the priorities for funding - study abroad, attending conference, other?

Answer: The priorities have not changed from what is on the website. This is intended for sustained projects, to encourage faculty engagement in internationalizing the curriculum. Projects that will help the students are also fundable. What this is not is to function as seed money for study abroad.

3. Our international students have been struggling, particularly financially. We have been nominating students to IIE (emergency fund). Four (India, Nepal, Turkey, and Nigeria) have received funding in this past cycle. We are hoping more students can get money in the new cycle (currently 75 students have put forward their applications and the univ will put forward 5). Jeet met with some congressional staff in DC and asked if any money in the currently discussed budget for COVID relief can go to international students. Jeet learned that the current Senate-approved budget does not include 'international students' specifically and asked the Dept of Education to make the decision (CARES Act did not have funding for international students). There is hope that the DOE will leave it up to universities to decide how to spend the money.

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

No additional updates.

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

1. Good news – 17 students completed winter language/culture school with Kyungbuk National University. Barbara Kim has approved their transfer credits (3-units). We don't know if they will continue this international program. They also have an internship. We also have 6 students in the country who have finished their quarantine.

We have 10-12 students who have completed their IP applications because they want to go to Yonsei.

2. We did a survey of partners to see what they were expecting for the fall. The only two countries that are expecting to be open in the fall: UK and South Korea. Countries like Australia have restrictions on travel to the country (even if they get accepted into the program).

3. 21 students have applied to Gilman. A lot of them are for the summer faculty-led programs but we don't know what the status is for the summer programs. By the end of the month, we'll have to start making decisions about the faculty-led programs. As of right now, the student interest is high.

Question: Given the current situation, can we implement a virtual/online faculty-led study abroad program?

Answer: If there is no study abroad aspect, then it would go through your department and not the Study Abroad office.

The course is already on the summer schedule and it sounds like you can start it online and wait to travel when the restrictions are lifted.

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

We approved a new budget. The two-year plan that goes with the budget is not approved yet so cannot share it yet. Some of the priorities are to get faculty involved.

Barbara Doten and Richard wrote 2 California Education Grants – renewal applications. Luke Wagner and Richard wrote a grant to get funding to support COIL.

In collaboration with Jeet and Aaron – put in a grant to get funding for PeaceCorps recruiter. This one is typically a 3-year award and they made it a 5-year+ extendable award.

Question: Any updates with Univ 301? There is at least one faculty who is interested in using it for a class in winter 2022.

Answer: This is a bit stalled. Not confident for winter 2022.

Question: We used to have a person from USAID – “on campus diplomat”. Will we get this again?

Answer: Richard’s last communication with them was in December. The response was that they are interested in continuing the program. The one other institution that has this program is also in the same position.

Lesley – there is a former librarian who could share more information on this.

Background information: The role of this person is to recruit and raise awareness for US fed gov jobs. Serve as a faculty resource.

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

We are working on some webinars.

There is a national webinar coming up – a free webinar on the basics of establishing a cost-effective ESports program at the varsity level using available resources. March 17th at 12:30 PM PT Zoom link: <https://csusb.zoom.us/j/4979337676>

We are still open to new members.

Question: have you reached out to Carl Anatol?

Answer: Lesley asked if Sharon can share his contact information.

III. New Business

- a. IEC Future Projects
 - ii. Steering committee update

IEC committee member survey – we would like to hear from members on where the committee should go.

- iii. Open discussion

Survey feedback: The drag-and-drop ranking question was not obvious.

Babs: Please feel free to email me if you have any additional ideas that you didn't get to add to the survey.

John: 3 additional suggestions – 1. We need to try to persuade the university to include international efforts in RTP policy. 2. We need more awards for faculty to carry out international efforts. 3. Detailed steps in seminars to help share information on how to carry out international efforts.

Charles: I was able to take the survey just now. It doesn't take very long. I encourage everyone to do the survey now.

Question: What committee in the Senate is working on revising the RTP document?

Answer: It's being handled by the FPPC (faculty personnel committee) currently.

Richard added in the chat window: As the CLA rep to FPPC I can say that the university-wide RTP survey did have responses about international education-related activity ; how to implement this as well as other "High Impact Practices" - at the university-level document, is an active discussion.

And elaborated that the university-level document cannot give specifics. The discussion is about how this will get included into the college-level document, and this will be worked on in each college's faculty council in the fall.

- IV. Old Business
 - a. COIL Sub-Committee

1. Last month we had the first session in the workshop series: introduction in planning coil. Full capacity attendance (20 people signed up and there was much interest). The next sessions are coming up (end of March and in April).

2. Luke Wagner put in a grant for a national COIL workshop for 3 people to attend. The application was accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.
Ann Kim (Recorder)