

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

Minutes # 6: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Noon – 2:00 PM (per Zoom)

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

I. Administrative

- a. Approval of March 9, 2021 Minutes – Jeet moved, Kim second. Passed.
- b. Approval of Agenda – Jeet moved, Ming second, passed.

II. Announcements

a. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement; Dean, College of Professional and International Education
International Admissions staff is in the office every day. It is a busy time with admission letters going out. Jeet and Eugenia has been working together to figure out how to expedite I-20 visas (currently the wait time is 6-8 weeks), given the embassy and consulate delays. For visa purposes, hybrid and in-person classes are treated the same. So this coming fall, we don't anticipate problems in finding students courses to enroll so they can meet the visa requirements (before, students were only allowed 1 online course and needed to take the remaining courses f2f). The goal/plan is to get students on campus by fall. More updates to come on this.

The current 6-foot distance requirement excludes many classrooms on campus that we can use.

Currently, we expect more international students to be on campus next year – both undergrads and grads.

See last meeting's update on PAW coming back in 2022.

There have been many questions around anti-Asian racism and other concerns from parents. There will be a townhall with parents.

Question- Would you like any faculty speakers?

Answer- We will be reaching out to invite any speakers.

This year's Solanki lecture is this Thursday, 6pm.

Jeet is the current de facto Fulbright program advisor. We are trying to fill the position with a faculty member. A few students have approached Jeet with interest. The deadline is Oct 12. Once we have the position filled, we will have more info sessions on campus. If you have a student who is interested before that happens, please direct them to the website and they can ask me questions. Note that it's a lengthy process and students will have a difficult time filling it out in one sitting.

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

SOAR – English-placements tests are being sorted out with the American Language Institute.

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

Things are going well with study abroad. There are 8 faculty who are still hoping to go on their trips this summer. The vendors have been open to delaying the deposit deadlines.

15 students are signed up to go to Dankook Univ in South Korea – they will go teach English and take a class.

We have 60 students who have applied and are now applying to the foreign partners.

CSU-IP: we have students applied. They are in the process of their secondary applications.

Open Doors – survey by Institute of International Education. A national survey that we've always participated (and we always rank highly). In 2019 – 409 students participated in the survey. This year, don't know how many will be able to participate in the survey.

Question- any updates about the semester programs?

Answer- Costa Rica trip is on hold. Florence is on hold (concern expressed by the faculty). London trip has accepted applications.

Question- why is the Costa Rica one on hold?

Answer- it started last year and due to pandemic it had low participation. So students are being encouraged to go independently.

Question – What kind of budget is there to support study abroad summer 2022?

Answer – summer study abroad is self-supported. If you are asking about scholarships, then the total amount will most likely see a decrease. Jeet hopes there will be 100k for students.

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

Diplomat in residence: We have someone who will be starting this summer. The paperwork should be coming together in the next couple of weeks. In the past, we have seen synergy with having a Peace Corp rep and a Diplomat in residence. We are excited about the prospects. The cost to our campus will be an office and a library card. USAID pays for everything else.

Starting the global learning inventory soon (4th round). An email will out soon. In round 3, we introduced writing learning variables and this was incredibly illuminating. If you have any thoughts or input, please let me know.

Background- We have a list of variables that we are interested in to see how international education is coming together. We focus on international education that takes place in the classroom. We use a quant process and a qual process: 8,000 syllabi get reviewed using a rubric and faculty interviews are also done. The next goals are to look at change over time and post-graduation effects.

CASSIE (The consortium for analysis of student success through international education out of U of Georgia) – federally funded grant: student success and study abroad.

We worked with them. Some findings from our campus data: students graduate faster when they study abroad and there are no differences in the type of student who goes abroad when comparing on different demographics.

Question: Richard, I remember you mentioning last year that college-specific/department-specific results (of the syllabi study) will be shared with the deans; did that already happen? can we have a look at college-specific data/results?

Answer: various aspects of the data were presented in different spaces. If anyone wants customized data results I'm happy to share.

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

Webinar – Phi Beta Delta has an event coming up: April 28. Dr. Qian.

The induction of new members will take place afterwards.

III. New Business

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

Thank you for participating. Our goal is to spend the remaining time to identify 2-3 priority areas and create corresponding ad hoc working groups. And then the working groups will come up with plans of action by our May meeting, and be able to start those efforts in 2021-2022.

- iii. IEC committee member survey review

Organized powerpoint included as appendix to these minutes.

CSU-5 (campuses in the LA area) consortium: we are working with the US embassy in the Philippines and the Philippines government, there is a COIL effort being discussed.

iv. Open discussion (potential subcommittee formation)

Members were split into small groups to discuss

1. COIL
2. Student study abroad
3. Faculty and staff participation in international exchange
4. Student fellowships

2 working groups have been created: study abroad and faculty and staff exchange.

Babs will send out a poll for members to indicate interest in which working group or COIL subcommittee they would like to join.

Suggestion – Create MS Teams for COIL and study abroad, and any other efforts to keep in touch with people who are interested.

Answer – Babs will create a Teams for the two working groups and sub-modules in BB for the groups.

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

Maria is in the 2nd week of the 6-week COIL leadership conference. They are working with 15 other universities and are hearing from speakers.

One speaker from Japan - <https://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Kokusai/IIGE/> shared anyone being able to join their network.

They were also introduced to a website - <https://coilconnect.org/who> for other organizations who are looking for partners.

Next week we will be working on creating COIL activities with faculty who attended the previous workshops. Participants will receive certificates of completion.

Future workshops are in the works: one-off workshops that don't require multiple workshop attendance, department presentations (please invite us),

Another effort that will be made is to get the word out about COIL and gather faculty stories to share/spotlight. Please let us know if you know you do it or if you know someone in your department who is doing this so that we can get more visibility. The goal is to get on the Provost's newsletter.

We are looking to apply for funding. So if you see/hear anything, please send it our way so that we can apply for it.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Ann Kim 4/13/2021 1:47pm.