

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

Agenda # 1: Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Noon – 2:00 PM (per Zoom)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://csulb.zoom.us/j/84775588847>

Meeting ID: 847 7558 8847

Attendees: (20 total)

Richard Marcus, Babs Grossman-Thompson, Jeet Joshee, Eugenia Kim, Ann Kim, Alessandro Russo, Sharon Olson, Lesley Farmer, Kholoud Khalil, Stephen Adams, Xochitl Lopez, Claudia Barrulas Yefremian, Jason Wang, Elaine Haglund, Maria Aceituno, Mona Zanhour, Kim Glick, Sarvenaz Hatami, Soyeon Kim, Shailesh Chandra, Alicia Del Campo, Heather Graham

I. Welcome and introduction

IEC is the body responsible for writing the policy regarding international education. IEC spends most of its time help bring faculty, staff, and students together for international programming and promoting global literacy. We have working groups within IEC and the members representing their respective colleges will be called on for various roles.

II. Administrative

- a. Approval of May 11, 2021 Minutes: Jeet motioned, Mona seconded. Approved.
- b. Approval of Agenda: Ann motioned, Alessandro seconded. Approved.

III. New Business

- a. Election of new IEC Chair

Nominations: Alicia Del Campo.

Jeet moved to close the elections.

No nays or abstentions

- b. Election of new IEC Vice Chair

Nominations: Kholoud Khalil

Close the elections.

Accept by acclamation

- c. Election of new IEC Secretary

Nominations: Ann Kim

Close the elections.

Accept by acclamation

IV. Announcements

- a. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement; Dean, College of Professional and International Education
- **International student enrollment:** We have bounced back from fall 2020. Jeet expects we will see stronger numbers in the spring.
 - o We have 257 new graduate students on campus this fall. Considering all the visa and consulate delays, this is great news. We have 205 undergraduate students. Both of these numbers may go up. Initially we anticipated 250-300 students.
 - o We also have 76 exchange students who have arrived and 4 students who are exchange students but not in the country.
 - o Study abroad at the Beach – 138 students this year (compared to 1 last year).
 - o American language institute – 20 students currently, 27 students arriving in October.
 - **Professors Around the World:** The program is set to resume spring 2022. Jeet will request IEC members to be part of the application evaluation panel. Typically 25 faculty applications are funded but what spring 2022 will look like is unsure.
 - o Currently the plan is for the campus to be 90%+ in person for spring 2022.
 - o Question: can the professors who received the PAW Award but couldn't travel due to the pandemic resubmit their applications in Spring 2022? Answer: They can certainly reapply.
 - **Fulbright and Gilman scholarships – faculty advisor:** Babs Grossman-Thompson will be taking on this role for fall 2021.
 - o Jeet is working with two faculty members on Fulbright applications
 - o There are two upcoming workshops that Babs will facilitate through the Faculty Center for Professional Development on mentoring students through Fulbright and Gilman applications. This information will be circulated through the Faculty Center.
 - **Afghanistan:** The CSU system office has received a letter from the Governor's office on how the system may help with the Afghan refugees who will be coming to California. The situation is quite complicated.
 - o Jeet is working with Scholar's At-Risk organization in NY
 - o We might host a scholar on our campus
 - o How students will get processed is still unknown.
 - o If you know of any Afghan campus members who want to be involved in these efforts please send them my way.

Question: What changes can we anticipate with the separation of CPIE?

Answer: Currently no in-depth conversations have happened yet regarding this issue since we have a new Provost on campus. These conversations are expected to happen this fall.

- b. CIE Updates – Eugenia Kim, Executive Director, Center for International Education
- All the services area is in the Foundation building

- International Education Week is in the planning stage
- Intercultural diplomats program: international students sharing their culture in LBUSD is in the works. Eugenia is working with Barbara Doten (Regional Director of the California Global Education Project) to run the CSULB Intercultural Diplomats program
 - c. Education Abroad Update - Sharon L. Olson - Director, Education Abroad
- Three successful summer study abroad programs. All of them were safe
 - o Italy: Faculty member said it was the best short-term program she had had.
 - o The other programs were to Nicaragua and Ireland
- We have several programs scheduled for winter. Several programs have a lot of applications and that is encouraging.
- Last Thursday enrollment services sent out an email about study abroad information and since then we have seen an uptick in interest.
- Next summer programs are currently being approved.
- Oct 1 is the deadline for spring programs.
 - o This deadline coincides with ASI's scholarship deadline. We have 22 scholarships to give out for spring.
 - o There are scholarships through the career development center and RGRLL (this scholarship is available for major/minor/certificate students and often go unawarded).
- Gilman scholarship deadline is coming up as well.

Question: How does the faculty member handle vaccination status conversation?

Answer: We tell students that it is mandatory. In the summer we have not had any pushback about vaccination expectations. We can deal with individual situations if they come up.

Question: Are there quarantine expectations in the countries that our students are going to?

Answer: Yes. Students going to Korea this fall had to quarantine for 14 days before the start of the semester.

Question: Are there any countries not accepting US citizens?

Answer: Yes, some are not allowing tourism but allowing study abroad. And there are some countries that are closed.

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

Update: Members will soon be receiving an email with a call for applications from undergraduates for Global Fellows. This two-year program provides financial support, leadership and management training, and a budget to create their own global engagement projects on campus. There is an info session this Friday. More info:

<https://cla.csulb.edu/centers/globalstudies/global-fellows-program/>

- There are 3 spots.

- e. Lesley Farmer - Phi Beta Delta (honorary society for international scholars)
- Please encourage students and faculty to join:
<https://www.cpie.csulb.edu/international/phi-beta-delta>
- This is a networking mechanism.
- We had a successful conference last May: At this conference, we got to recognize Elaine Haglund.
- We are planning on something for International Week.

V. Old Business

- a. IEC Subcommittee and Working Groups Update: Subcommittees were created last year to focus on areas that IEC wants to focus on. Alicia will send out the report from last year so that everyone can get on the same page before our next meeting.
 - ii. COIL Subcommittee: a support group for faculty to develop international collaboration efforts
 - Last spring we provided 3 training sessions
 - We meet once a month for 1-hour meetings.
 - iii. Student Study Abroad Working Group
 - No updates
 - iv. Faculty International Exchange Working Group
 - No updates

Alicia moved and Heather seconded.

Meeting adjourned 1:32 pm

Recorded by Ann Kim