

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

**Minutes # 7: Tuesday, April. 14, 2020**

**Noon-2pm, Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://csulb.zoom.us/j/467345129>**

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Attendees:

### I. Administrative

#### a. Approval of Agenda

- ii. Approved unanimously via zoom poll

#### b. Approval of March Minutes

- ii. Approved

### II. Announcements

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

- ii. Overview - Pandemic has caused significant disruption to international education – concerns in all different aspects, including enrollment
- iii. Enrollment of international students at CSULB
  1. US embassy and consulates remain understaffed and closed. There are no visa services available for students who are admitted to CSULB programs. This will have an enrollment impact for international students on campus
  2. On the graduate side, CSULB is up in terms of application. Freshman and transfer applications are down almost 20%.
- iv. Existing international students
  1. Over 200 current students left CSULB to go home
  2. Concern with travel bans and lockdowns regarding whether these students will be able to return

3. International students who remain on campus are facing financial challenges. Some funding will be available – this information is distributed by IIE to existing students.
- v. Study abroad programs
  1. Most students were brought back (over 100)
  2. Spring programs were cancelled. Some students are able to complete their courses online.
  3. All summer study abroad cancelled through August
  4. Accepting applications for fall though no definitive decisions have been made. Operating under assumption that travel will resume.
- vi. Overall reduction of funding towards international education expected
  1. CARES act does provide some funding for higher education – about half will go to student aid, other half will be deployed to where it is needed (e.g. shortfall from revenue lost and unanticipated expenses).
- vii. International CSULB Faculty
  1. Expedited process for certain visas (H1 B)) have been suspended. If this process is not back in July there will be some issues with new international hires. CCPE has this on their radar
- viii. Heather Barker: Accepting students who do not yet have a visa? Can we accept students and treat them as CSULB students while they are abroad (through COIL) as they go through the delayed visa process? Can we accelerate course approval process to allow students to join through a COIL model as they are delayed in being physically present on campus?
  1. Jeet – internally what CPE has done, is waive the GRE requirement for this cycle and a TOEFL waiver. Countries

are also developing a local TOEFL alternative, which CSULB will accept.

2. Graduate programs can extend the deadline application through June 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. In terms of the visa – admitted students are admitted whether they are on campus or not. There is an exception for Spring 20 to allow them more than 1 online class. Unclear whether this flexibility will be extended to the fall.

b. CIE Updates – Eugenia Kim, Executive Director

- ii. No additional updates

c. Sharon L. Olson - Director, Center for International Education - Education Abroad

- ii. 30 students have decided to remain abroad
- iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> party providers are offering Virtual internships offered over the summer
- iv. Cautiously moving forward with fall Florence program. AIFS is hopeful they will be re-opening in July. 33 CSULB students have applications in progress, 10 Fullerton students. There is a payment extension for students through late July.
- v. Zoom information sessions for prospective students and a zoom orientation for departing students are being developed.
- vi. Scholarships for study abroad are pending – dependent on whether AS can continue to offer funds.

III. New Business – **TIME CERTAIN 12:45pm**

- a. International Education Cooperation Proposals (as forwarded by Emyr Williams Ph.D., Chair, Education Abroad Sub-Committee)
  - i. Kwansei Gakuin University – Direct Exchange Proposal - proposing faculty: Hiromi Masunaga, Kiyomi Chinen  
[hiromi.masunaga@csulb.edu](mailto:hiromi.masunaga@csulb.edu) - [k.chinen@csulb.edu](mailto:k.chinen@csulb.edu)
  - ii. Independent Provider Proposal for Italy

- iii. The Spanish Course - University of Cantabria - Santander Spain
- b. The Spanish Course has been recommended by the education abroad subcommittee, The Independent Provider Proposal for Italy has not been recommended by the education abroad subcommittee due to concerns regarding lack of infrastructure. The Kwansei Gakuin University Proposal has been recommended by the education abroad subcommittee.
- c. Hiromi Masunaga – representative of the Kwansei Gakuin University, College of Education
  - ii. In Kobe Japan – private university
  - iii. Proposed program is a two-way exchange between CSULB and Kwansei Gakuin
  - iv. For CSULB students – 2 programs available
    - 1. Japanese language program
    - 2. Modern Japan program
- d. Movement to delay vote on proposal of The Spanish Course - University of Cantabria to May meeting
  - ii. MSP
- e. Vote to recommend the following programs:
  - ii. Kwansei Gakuin University
    - 1. Passed unanimously
  - iii. Independent Provider Proposal for Italy
    - 1. Fails
  - iv. The Spanish Course – University of Cantabria
    - 1. Vote delayed – request from IEC to have representative from program speak at next IEC meeting. Helen Thomas is local representative.

#### IV. Old Business

- a. Continued discussion, policy on subcommittee membership -  
Review of draft policy aligned to Academic Senate policy

- i. Language regarding representative of standing subcommittee to IEC – open language to allow for flexibility on representative
    - ii. Ask subcommittees to maintain a repository of information (e.g. website, Beachboard etc...)
  - b. C.O.I.L Development
    - i. Working group will continue to work on current projects
- j. Move to adjourn.
  - a. MSP

Adjourned 2:02pm

Minutes: Barbara Grossman-Thompson