

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

Minutes: Tuesday, May 12, 2020

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Attendees:

Heather Barker, Barbara Grossman-Thompson, Hyowon Ban, Heidi Zhang, Charles Slater, George Martinez, Kholoud Khalil, Heather Graham, Jeet Joshee, Ali Rezai, Ming Chen, Sharon Olson, Alicia Del Campo, Xochitl Lopez, Eugenia Kim, Yuping Mao, Flora Banuett, Elaine Haglund. Heidi Zhang, Pei-Fang Hung, Kim Glick, Michiko Takeuchi

I. Administrative

a. Approval of Agenda

ii. Approved

b. Approval of April Minutes

ii. Approved with minor changes

II. Announcements

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

ii. International students excluded from CARES act funding.

CPIE is working to find other ways to support students.

1. Institute of International Education has set up a fund to help all students in US studying abroad. One CSULB students was selected.

2. University is also raising funds – information forthcoming on how this emergency funding can be disbursed to international students.

3. CPIE is working with food and housing needs of students

- iii. Questions from international students regarding fall semester. Looks to be primarily remote with some exceptions for curriculum that necessitates in-person.
 - 1. CPIE is looking into whether students who are fully online can continue to be enrolled at CSULB while abroad.
 - 2. Approximately 1/3 of CSULB international students left in spring 20, with plans to return in fall. With plans to go fully online this may change. Incoming international students are also weighing decision to come.
 - iv. For CSULB students going abroad: no decisions made yet regarding study abroad in the fall – dependent on multiple factors
 - 1. Partner and country preparedness
 - 2. Financial and logistical risks to CPIE
 - v. Discussion and questions regarding AML/online teaching in fall
 - 1. Issues with both synchronous and asynchronous teaching. For international students abroad synchronous has particular challenges.
 - vi. Consider reaching out to senators and congressman regarding OPT for F1 visa holders and H1-B visa holders. Currently administration is considering a 1-year moratorium on these visas, which would likely have a negative effect on international student enrollment.
 - 1. Jeet will put up information on Beachboard regarding this issue
- b. CIE Updates – Eugenia Kim, Executive Director
- ii. Number of international students from 2019: 2,300
 - 1. A slight downward trend
 - 2. Downward trend will continue due to Covid19

- iii. International students are concerned regarding attending CSULB online classes while abroad. CIE encourages faculty to make accommodations for these students.
 - iv. Regarding student visa status. Concessions are being made. As long as international students are enrolled and attending classes they can keep their visa open. Consulates are making efforts to provide expedited processes for F1 visas.
 - v. Regarding newly admitted students. Dependent upon when consulates open abroad whether they can get their paperwork processed on time.
- c. Sharon L. Olson - Director, Center for International Education - Education Abroad
- ii. Five students were awarded Fulbrights, the most ever
 - iii. Still in “wait and see” for study abroad in fall 20. Study abroad in Florence is cancelled.
 - iv. About 100 students are hoping to go abroad in fall 20. This will be determined on a country by country basis.
 - v. Many study abroad providers have come up with virtual internships for summer, which in the long run may be of advantage to our students.
 - vi. Providers are also setting up online study abroad courses and hybrid courses with partner universities, which can link into COIL initiatives.
 - vii. CIE is setting up virtual workshops and front desk where students can come for advising and assistance
 - viii. CIE moving offices to Foundations 185

III. New Business

- a. Elevating C.O.I.L working group to an IEC Sub-Committee
 - ii. Moving to a formal sub-committee it will have a specific charge to satisfy and procedures for electing members

1. Barbara Grossman-Thompson, Ali Rezai speak in favor of moving to a sub-committee
2. Jeet Joshee – In favor of a subcommittee, which can liaise with SUNY COIL
3. MSP
4. Heather Barker will prepare necessary documents to formalize for next IEC session (Fall 20)

IV. Old Business

- a. The Spanish Course - University of Cantabria - Santander Spain
 - i. Sharon Olson - Request to table until next fall
- b. Continued Discussion, Policy on Subcommittee Membership - Review of Draft Policy aligned to Academic Senate Policy
 - i. Request for written comments to be submitted to Heather Barker
 - ii. Currently we are not in compliance, we have no sub-committee rules, so sub committees are subject to Academic Senate sub-committee roles.
 - iii. Yuping Mao – East Asia subcommittee, has a strong consensus that they would like to have more control over membership and subcommittee rules, as it is primarily through voluntary service. Semi-formal structure and organizing fits the East Asia subcommittee well. More authority and autonomy to subcommittee will facilitate activities.
 - iv. At minimum subcommittees have to have representation, reporting and publish meeting times and minutes. All else is negotiable.
- c. C.O.I.L progress report

Meeting Adjourned: 2:02pm

Minutes recorded by Barbara Grossman-Thompson

