

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

**Minutes for Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Noon – 2:00 PM (FO2 101A)**

In Attendance: Richard Marcus, Mohammad Mozumder, Leslie Reese, Aparna Nayak, David Anglin, Sharon Olson, Em Williams, Aili Malm, Charles Slater, Flora Banuett, Elaine Haglund, Khue Duong, Roger Lo, Christy Nellis

Leslie Farmer reported on Phi Beta Delta Honor Society.

1. Introductions

a. Approval of Agenda-

- Approved with 2 additions to the agenda under “New Business”. 1) The implications of the fact that the IEC charge was removed from the senate consent calendar. 2) Virtual connections

b. Approval of Minutes for November 8 meeting. A suggestion was made that Carl Squitier be invited to report at a spring IEC meeting

2. Reports

a. AVP Joshee Report- none because he wasn't in attendance

b. Study Abroad Report (Sharon)

- Study abroad orientation was successful.
- Email went out yesterday from the provost to recruit faculty for London semester. Interviews for Florence and London faculty will be held in February, 2017.
- Carlos Silvera reported to Sharon that fall semester in Florence went exceptionally well. Carlos does community service learning (at battered women's home) as part of the Florence semester. The Fullerton professor reported that the service learning was a great addition to the abroad experience.
- In the London semester, the students take British Life and Culture, so for the Florence semester the students took Italian Language and Culture (used Italian 101 text from CSULB) was taught this time and the students really liked it. The students also had 2 other courses and internships.
- Orientation for direct exchange programs was last Friday. There was almost 100% attendance. Largest number ever going out for Spring 2017.
- Still doing IP (year-long program). Numbers are not as hoped (36). (Leahkena commented that Paris numbers are also down 25-50%.) It is very helpful to have students who have been on IP “advertising”/talking to classmates about their experiences.

- We're in top 5 in the nation for long-term programs even though we only send 40 students.
- c. GSI Report (Richard)
- GSI Grant goes until September 2017. Moving along nicely in the 5 areas that are funded. Some require rethinking in the assessment components. The most challenging has been handling global programming in GE, but things are moving along and should be going to sub council in the spring.
 - GSI website is being worked on now.
 - Received a new endowment for a global issues eminent speaker for late February, 2017.
 - 2016-17 Global Fellows are doing 2 projects (undergrad students propose a project that is globally enhancing for the campus. They receive stipend, budget and mentoring for their projects). This year there is one from Music and one from International Studies.
 - The course, International Studies 492, has been overhauled by faculty member Caitlin Fouratt. It is a "return from study abroad" course. She is using digital story telling about integrating the study abroad experience with life now. (Richard will share in the future). Katie Roller (Associate Director of International Programs for CSU and co-founder of conference for students returning from study abroad) is taking over the instruction of this course.

3. Old Business

a. Program Review Process

- Committee will meet soon (January).
The roll of this group is not administrative but to look at curriculum (program review) to figure out the protocol for reviewing. (Example of need for this: At the U of Madrid and Granada, as a result of a mistaken assumption about heritage language speakers, a decision was made to require the intensive, 4 week Spanish program)
- Charles Slater: Certificate for heritage speakers was brought up at the URC
- Leslie R: With increased hybrid courses, couldn't languages be offered online?
- Richard: There is a lot of potential for this and conversations are being had in IP about online courses and studying abroad. (There is a policy that allows a student in an academic year study abroad program to take an online course in the U.S. if not being able to take that course because of being abroad is going to hinder them from graduating. This policy, however, set off a whole chain of

concerns in the ACIP and is quite vague and hard on campuses. A committee from IP is working on recommendations of changes to the policy, which will come before the Assistant Vice Chancellor.

- Sharon: finished review of active exchanges, so we won't be reviewing a ton, just a few at a time as they come up for renewal (4 or 5 a year).

4. New Business

a. Report on last Academic Meeting

- Flora reported: The issue of the change to the mission and charge was put on the consent calendar, but one of the senators objected, so it will go to the floor.
- Richard: The argument will probably come up about CCPE faculty representation.
- Mohammed M. said that we could use the fact that it is going to the Academic Senate as an opportunity to make changes.
- Richard: We will put discussion of the IEC mission and charge on the February IEC agenda, and we will request of Norbert that AS discussion of IEC mission and charge be moved to March 2017.

b. International Students, Return Study Abroad Students and Inauguration

- Richard: International students coming here in Spring 2017 may have a difficult experience with the inauguration. This election, for some, has been emotionally challenging. It might be somewhat traumatizing for international students who might experience sudden changes. We should be prepared to assist students as we can.
- Sharon: Twenty-four Dream ACT students going to Mexico in January returning 1/19. The provost has asked that they all sign a statement saying that there may be some risk in leaving the U.S. Some other semester abroad students have pulled out of their abroad programs.
- Leslie: We spend a lot of time talking about CSULB students going abroad but almost none talking about the international students who are here. Leslie mentioned an international doctoral student who has been doing research on graduate international students and cultural challenges. We should be more concerned about what kind of reception our international students are getting.
- Aparna: As part of her leadership project, she conducts an exit survey of degree seeking international students. There is a big part of that survey that is about cultural integration.

- Mohammad: If you look at the amount of students that we send abroad compared to the number of international students that come to CSULB, the proportion is huge. This committee needs to have more focus on international students and this needs to be included in the charge of the IEC.
- Richard: this is not a new topic. There have been working groups that have not been hugely successful. He would be happy to see some traction in this area. It is complicated because we so many different kinds of students (exchanges, Study Abroad at the Beach, ALI,...). The nature of the relationship and advising is much different than for CSULB students. There are challenges (funding and other) that were derailing in the past. If we can find data to feed the process, that would be a helpful starting point. We could then have a reconfigured working group, but go in knowing about the challenges.
- Mohammed: One of the main purposes of this committee should be to get enough data; to analyze it, and make recommendations of how to improve international students lives at CSULB.
- Sharon: There are staff members in the Center for International Education who are responsible for some of these kinds of issues. It's figuring out how to work with that staff, who are already doing orientations and other activities for the international students, and what the role of a faculty committee is in assisting international students. What's the roll of a faculty committee?
- Richard: Very few faculty members do anything that intentionally integrates international and domestic students in the classroom. When the Global Learning Inventory was done, of 7,049 syllabi that were reviewed, zero had any mention of integration of international students.
- Music: There is a move afoot to have a post-inauguration speaker series. Richard will circulate info amongst IEC

c. Internationalization of the Curriculum Award

- Richard reported that the IEC needs to bring the award language for next meeting. It is a department level award. Volunteers from IED are needed. Leslie volunteered to help with language.
- When will the call go out? Not until mid February with a month or so turn around.
- Richard will craft a reminder message to send to departments and IEC members

- Sharon: We could put something in the provost's message. A "Save the Date" type of alert.

d. RTP and International Efforts, and Virtual Exchange (Elaine)

- Elaine: Her heart and soul is with trying to internationalize the faculty. The core of the curriculum and the university are the faculty. In order to get faculty interested, we have to pay attention to RTP. In the early 2000s, she and Steve Adams approached the College of Education Faculty Council and suggested that things be put into the RTP document. It has been very successful. It doesn't seem that any other college has approached the RTP document this way. She hopes that IEC members will bring up RTP with our departments and faculty councils (even possible our deans) and provided a history and wording of what they have used. Do the IEC members think that there is a chance that their colleges will be open to this?
- Flora: One can start at the department level because 3 members can request a resolution in an existing college.
- Flora: or consult with the chair of the faculty counsel.
- Richard: At the department level, there is a lot that can be done. At the college level, it's quite complicated for two reasons 1) There is nothing in the CLA college document that is specific in that way. 2) If you open it up for one thing, you've opened up the entire RTP document for debate.
- Elaine: She hopes that IEC members will bring this up in their colleges within this year. Doing international activities requires a lot of work, and she hopes that our colleges are giving us credit for it.
- Elaine: In a recent publication of the Institute of International Education, Virtual Exchange is discussed, which may allow classrooms in different countries to connect via Internet, to do joint projects and learning.
- Sharon: Hamburg film students are currently writing a film with CSULB students. The Hamburg faculty are coming here in February to do workshops in CSULB classes. Then our faculty are going to Hamburg in June, and then they will collaboratively produce a film. Tom Bloomquist is the CSULB faculty member behind this.
- Richard: Question for Sharon: Can we add a clause to the Internationalization of the Curriculum Award saying that CIE will help a CSULB faculty member find overseas faculty with whom to collaborate?
- Sharon: Yes! (Not for all 60)
- Richard: This should be included as parenthetical info in the application for the ICA.

- e. Faculty from Baja, California to come for symposium
 - Charles reported that he visited the Autonomous University of Baja, as they have a working agreement. The faculty is eager to send 2 groups to CSULB for an Educational Leadership Symposium on January 28, 2017. Charles gave a keynote address to 250 while he was there.

5. Next meeting date – February 14, 2017

Recorded by Christy Nellis