

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

Minutes for Meeting # 4: December 12, 2017

12:00 – 2:00 PM (FO2 101A)

In Attendance: Tim Keirn, Elaine Haglund, Heather Barker, Emyr Williams, Leakhena Nou, Kim Glick, Sharon Olson, Eugenia Kim, Khue Duong, Michiko Takeuchi, Reo Song, Charles Slater, Jeet Joshee, Terrence Graham, Flora Banuett, Christy Nellis

1. Introductions

- a. Approval of Agenda with added second reading of “Global Experiences”
- b. Approval of November minutes

2. Reports

a. VP Jeet Joshee

- Travel warning and alert for study abroad. Insurance companies added some high hazard countries, which require more signatures internally. Travel warning and alert are under a new system that will be revealed in Jan. 2018. There are 4 levels: from “caution” to “don’t go”. No one knows the exact definition of each level. Every country is going to be divided into regions, just as Mexico has been for a long time. CSUs will be probably be more conservative in sending. Tillerson made the announcement, and the website has already changed. It will probably affect some of our abroad programs.
- Terrence and Jeet were at a conference of the American International Recruitment Counsel (a standard development association). About 310 U.S. universities and a little less than 100 international universities are members. Jeet is now President. This organization certifies agencies, looks at ethics and standards in the recruitment process.
- PAW- Jeet is concerned that it succeeds and wants to make it more institutional. He has spoken with the Provost about perhaps making it part of the Provost award program. Wishes we had greater # of applicants.

b. CIE and Education Abroad (Terrence G)

- Lots of doom and gloom around enrollment numbers at the AIRC meeting. The only institutions that haven’t suffered are Ivy League/upper tier. The agency brings a lot of info about the market. More optimistic about Fall 2018. Canadian universities are at capacity. Outreach to students is happening. There were far fewer applications for Spring 2018. 44% fewer freshman applicants for this spring than last. However, 27 first time Freshmen came last spring and 24 Freshmen have put down deposits to come in Spring 2018. 59 transfer students have put down deposits, and 43 came last year, so transfer #s are higher. Global peer ambassadors launch is happening this afternoon and later this week. This is for undergrads and transfers. About 12 students are having this training; mostly international students /some domestic students. Mihn, the secretary for Intl Student affairs, ASI and Eugenia have put together this program for peer mentoring. Each volunteer mentor will reach out to their charges via e-mail and have a face to face to check in on them. Training is to look at potential questions/problems of new international students. Em asked: Will this

include picking up students at the airport? Terrence: This is part of what the plan might grow into. Tim: Info about peer mentoring should be included in info to international students. Flora: However, there is great benefit to the experience of having to navigate one's own way in a foreign country. Jeet: Welcome at the airport is a courtesy and a gesture of welcome. It's also about giving parents peace.

- Ed abroad had orientation Dec 1 with a record # of Spring 2018 students going out. More students are going on longer study abroad programs.
- Jessica Wilson has been hired to be the Peace Corp campus recruiter. (Tim will invite her to IEC meeting.)

3. Old Business

a. Reimagining the International Teaching and Learning Awards

- The second paragraph has been changed. "funds to encourage the programmatic or departmental internationalization of curriculum to benefit students who do not have the opportunity to study abroad" was added. "or equivalent summer stipend" needs to be removed per Jeet because it is strictly assigned time. Also remove "stipend" from paragraph 3. New selection criteria were added (4 bullet points). The submission due date will be changed to later: March 9, 2018. Teri Jablonski's email needs to be corrected. Also, "course outline" needs to be removed. Committee for selection will be established at March IEC meeting. Change announcement of awardees to April 6, 2018. On proposal form change it to "three items" below, not "two items". Take out "summer stipend" from 3.
- Terrence suggested that a feasibility and sustainability bullet be added to Selection Criteria on the Call for Proposals.
- Awards should be amended to say "no more than up to 3 units per faculty member"

Approved as amended

b. London Semester Program Spring 2019- Interviews and recommendations (Em)

- All 5 applicants met the criteria and were strong. Panel recommended that Nizan Shaked be selected for Spring 2019. Alternate was also recommended. (See notes)
- Courses are GE and are different categories.

Approved as amended

c. Global Experiences- internship provider

- Concerns were raised around provision of mental health services. Global Experiences provided a document. On page 25 it talks about provisions for mental distress and illness. They very adequately address these concerns.
- Jeet: Is pricing provided? Yes, in documents.
- Lots of interest in these kinds of internship programs and we will now be working with 2 organizations
- Motion was made for the second reading. Approved

4. New Business

a. PAW Awards- Review of Protocol and Expanding Applicant Numbers (Tim)

- How do we get more people to respond? Make the call more than once.
- Tim mentioned that some reports were missing. Maybe the award could be tentative until they've submitted the report. Travel reimbursement could be contingent on turning in report.
- Charles: Are FERP faculty included? Jeet: As far as payroll is concerned, they are retired, and are no longer faculty
- Currently, email goes to all faculty. It should go out twice. IEC members should use their list-serves to post it to departments/colleges
- Jeet mentioned that he has been thinking about moving PAW into more of a university award, the awards that are announced by the Provost. Align dates. Jeet will get the specifics of that from the Provost
- Heather: PAW information session?
- Terrence: should have one or 2 info sessions to do q and a situations
- Khue: Is there a limit to how many times a person can apply or receive? No.
- Jeet/Tim: A phrase about limits should be added to the Eligibility section
- Tim: The focus of this now is benefit of relationship with institutions. Numbers are down because it's not as personally beneficial
- Elaine: Huge potential for digital connections. Should this be mentioned in PAW information?

5. Other Business - Shawna Dark and Jessica will be invited to a future meeting

6. Future Meetings

- February 13
- March 13
- April 10
- May 8

Recorded by Christy Nellis