

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

Minutes for Meeting # 6: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 Noon – 2:00 PM (FO2 101A)

In attendance: Terrence Graham, Tim Keirn, Jeet Joshee, Charles Slater, Kim Glick, Leakhena Nou, Heather Barker, Ming Chen, Em Williams, Sharon Olson, Christy Nellis, Heba Al-Shoubaki, Khue Duong, Elaine Haglund, Eugenia Kim, Francine Vasilomanolakis

1. Introductions

- a. Approval of February Minutes with changes
- b. Approval of Agenda

2. Reports

a. AVP Joshee Report

- Talked about federal budget: 37% cut for State Department which has some impact on International Education. More devastating cut could be Educational and Cultural Affairs. There could also be cuts that affect title 6 (small for CSULB) because of the proposed 10% increase to defense program. Please contact senators and congressman with talking point through the Alliance lobbying group. We'll see the budget on March 16, and we (IEC) may want to write a letter.

Heather: Are there groups that are doing research on the monetary value to the economy of international education/ the arts etc.?

Jeet: Yes, gov't think tanks, NAFSA. These cuts do affect national security.

Terrence: On the NAFSA.org website, there is a tool where you can enter your congressional district and it will tell you in a dollar amount the effect of international student enrollment. The Alliance for International Education is the largest advocacy organization focusing on international academic exchange and the impact it has on the economy, national security, the readiness of our diplomatic corp to engage in international activities.

- Several violent incidents(hate crimes) in Kansas and Washington and Baltimore have really had a negative effect on the perception of the U.S. There is a call in India for Indian students not to come to the US. It is important to note that these threats are not just against internationals but also against Jewish community centers.
- Executive order 2.0, which is the new travel ban, doesn't include Iraq or green card holders and says that if you already have a valid visa, you will be allowed to travel. The new 2.0 version of the travel ban will go into effect on March 16. Some I-20s still require extra permits to come back into the US, and we don't know what will happen with these situations. Student coming from these 6 countries wanting to come in Fall won't be able to. We already have 52 students from these countries. They have been assured of our support but have been advised not to travel. This may also affect our ability to hire faculty from these countries. As of late, 60-70% of Engineering Faculty applicants are from Iran, and the ban will certainly impact being able to attract qualified faculty, and some faculty may elect not to come even if they are not from these 6 countries. A letter of formal support was sent to the 52 students, but they were also urged not to travel. The Chancellor sent out a letter which CSU presidents signed.

Terrence: We are advocating for emergency funding for students who cannot return to their home countries. Jeet has talked to the provost about how we might accommodate these 52 students during the summer.

b. CIE Report (Terrence)

- We have between 60-100 applicants from 6 banned countries. There has been 1/3 decrease in international student graduate applications. There has been a slight increase in freshmen applications (4-5%) and transfer

applications have stayed the same. All application numbers are the same as they were for Fall 2016.

- A new insurance brokers for International students has been selected: John C. Breckenridge has been selected and there will be a switch from Aetna to Anthem, which provides a 4% decrease in cost to international students
- Launching social media campaign: “You are welcome here!”

Eugenia: International Student Ally Training(pilot) this Friday will include: overview of practical needs of international students, cultural communication issues, academic struggles, emotional/psych support/issues, and a student panel. The participants include 20 faculty, staff, administrators and will be held from 8-12:30.

c. Study Abroad Report (Sharon)

- Successful Study abroad Expo last Wednesday
- Report was due to IIE for Open Doors (report of number of students who go abroad and information about them). Our aggregate number this year was 970. The year before was 829, and if our summer numbers hold, the number will go up to 1100 next year. It is not double yet but is moving that direction.

3. Old Business

a. IEC Membership and Charge & the Academic Senate

- Changes were accepted. Dean of CCPE was made a voting member. The part that defined the role of the nominating committee in selecting IEC members from the applicants, instructing them to do their own due diligence in making sure the IEC has a plethora of global, linguistic, and methodological experience amongst its members was controversial. The chair of the nominating committee wasn't in favor of this change, and it got voted down. The chair of the nominating committee would like it to say that the nominating committee “may” rather than “shall”.

- If we, IEC, want to follow through on this, Norbert said that we can request that the executive committee take a look at the charge of the nominating committee and that something be written into the charge of the nominating committee.
- In the past, there was a discussion with the chair of the IEC by the nominating committee of potential IEC members. This will no longer happen. However, an email was sent to the IEC Chair by the Chair of the Nominating Committee which is abiding by the spirit of what we requested (above) be added to the mission and charge of the IEC.
- Heba confirmed that this didn't involve the student representatives.

b. Education Abroad Subcommittee Membership and Charge

- The IEC needs to come up with a process of how people get onto the committee and also the qualifications. When a member of the EAS is terming out, a call should be sent out to members of the IEC so that the IEC member can notify potential candidates in his/her department.
- Tim K suggested that Health and Human Services be allowed an extra member rather than have at-large members.
- Sharon: All the members should have experience with study abroad because one of the main functions is to review study abroad proposals and fill committees to hire faculty to teach abroad
- The document needs to state what the qualifications are for members of this committee.
- Table this until next meeting. Meanwhile Em and Tim will come up with a document stating the process and qualifications and bring it to the next meeting.
- Sharon suggested that one of the qualifications be current or previous IEC membership.
- What is the timing? The IEC needs to approve the language of the EAS document next meeting.

- Jeet: Suggested that the IEC take on the responsibilities of the EAS. Many senate committees who do this kind of work do not have sub committees, especially of a similar size the committee itself.
- Elaine, Terrence, and Tim spoke up about the importance of the EAS. There isn't time in IEC meetings to cover what EAS covers, and the EAS allows for many more people to be involved in international education.
- Tim suggested that the number of EAS members per college be changed from 2 to 1, and that the review of study abroad scholarship applications be added to the responsibilities of the EAS.

c. Internationalizing Teaching and Learning Awards

- Tim, Richard and Terrence have changed several items. (See call for proposals)
- The desire is to get more department level proposals that are programmatic as opposed to just changing one course.
- The proposal form needs to be updated (the copy passed out the the IEC was an older version)
- Is there a sample of what we want in proposals? Heather pointed out that programmatic change *is* connected to individual courses and wondered what would be seen in a proposal as evidence of a programmatic change.
- Elaine wondered if we could offer cash rather than assigned time. This isn't allowed.
- Richard changed "department's curriculum" to "program's curriculum" and some specific workshop language.
- The language about the numbers of students should perhaps be changed to "in terms of the percentage of students" or language that expresses the impact of the changes.

Tim, please have a look at the above in red. I'm not sure my notes correctly reflect what was said/decided

- Jeet explained that there hasn't yet been any assessment of this program and that will be done this year.
- Francine pointed out that the dates need to be changed to April 21.
- Francine also said that applications could be put in Qualtrix(survey tool) to be able to track them. She'll create it. Tim will get all documents to Francine tomorrow.

4. New Business

a. Student Travel Scholarship

- We have 75 completed applications for Fall 2017, 39 to give. There are 24 for the 2017-18 academic year, 19 to give. There are 231 completed applications for summer with 100 to give. We need 15 faculty and 15 students to review. Christy will recruit ALI faculty members. Volunteers from IEC Heather, Leakhena, Terrence, Elaine?, Em, Francine. Students: Heba will contact students who did it last time. Tim will send out a call to IEC members.
- There has been some confusion about length of essays because not all of them specify # of words.

b.-d. were not discussed at the March 14 meeting

- b. Cooperation agreement with university in Baja California (Charlie)
- c. Reviving college international effort reports (Charlie)
- d. Fulbright strategies (Charlie)

5. Next meeting date – April 11. President Conoley will be at the next IEC meeting from 12:15-12:45.

Recorded by Christy Nellis