

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

**Minutes # 2: Tuesday, October 13, 2015
Noon – 2:00 PM (FO2 101A)**

Quorum reached and meeting called to order at 12:10

Present: Tom Kelty, Helen Thomas, Clarice Ross, Fatima Hasan (ASI), Elaine Haglund, Sharon Olson, Christy Nellis, David Anglin, Emyr Williams, Leslie Reese, Francine Vasilomanolakis, Terrence Graham, Dana Sumpter, Nikki Estanol (ASI), Aili Malm, Alison Blizzard, Charles Slater, Aparna Nayak

1. Introductions

- a. New members to IEC – Sherry Su (CBA) (absent) and Helen Thomas (Staff Member)
- b. Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved
- c. September Minutes were unanimously approved pending edits

2. Reports

- a. AVP Joshee Report
 - i. Reported that President Conoley has added \$50,000 funding to study abroad scholarship fund. This brings current total to close to \$200K. Jeet Joshee will top up and bring total funding to \$200K. He reported that this is a first – the study abroad scholarship fund progressively expanded from nothing to \$200K. Moving forward, he would like to see growth in funding for study abroad. The President’s goal is to double the number of students studying abroad by 2020 – he pointed out that reaching this goal will require more funding support. The President’s commitment to IE covers students but also faculty and scholars. Funding for other initiatives: PAWS \$50K is also new funding. Funding for faculty travel supports our vision of creating a global campus by enhancing their research / creative activities which are infused into the curriculum also. In spring, there will be a call for departments to apply for funds to internationalize the curriculum (this funding is for depts. not individual faculty – it

used to be monetary incentive to faculty, now it's offered as 3 units AT to a department) – this initiative is an important part of Student success.

b. Terrence Graham presented the following report for the CIE:

- i. Fall Enrollment snapshot: International applications have increased 100% since 2011 (applications, not necessarily number of students admitted). This increase in applicants creates a greater need for staff dealing with applications (evaluators etc). He explained that there hasn't been too much growth between 2014 and 2015 because we as an institution are looking for smart growth in line with the overall enrollment strategy of our campus. Total number of admitted students decreased in 1 year because we are making smarter choices in acceptance and acceptance rate: we are admitting fewer students but the admitted students have stronger qualifications. Although we made fewer total offers of admission from 2014 to 2015, a greater percentage of those accepted our offers. This shows improved perception of our programs too. International students represent only 3.68% of total undergraduate student population. This total number is still fairly small and does not adversely affect FTES. See Terrence's slides for numbers of degree-seeking and total numbers – they contribute tremendously to diversity on campus. Question regarding whether there are quotas for numbers of students from different countries: No quotas but there is a recruitment strategy that tries to diversify the pool – we also look at students applying to different programs / colleges across the university (not just CoE) to diversify other programs / colleges too. Part of strategy: which countries they travel for recruitment – eg no need to go to India because enough applicants already.
- ii. International Ed. scholarship funds in Foundation
Can monies given to Declare campaign be earmarked for IE? Yes, there is a fund in Foundation for that – currently about \$21K in that fund – it's not an endowed fund (min needed: 25K – if we reach that, we can turn it into an endowed fund). 4.5% of an endowment can be used every year to give away as scholarships etc.
Question about whether international students receive scholarships:

About 100 grads / about 10-12 undergrads get in-state tuition (no other scholarship earmarked for Intl Students – they're not eligible for Fed / state government grants etc but they're eligible for other scholarships. We cannot discriminate on internal scholarships based on country of origin.)

I declare campaign ends in December.

A motion was made to form a subcommittee to define the rules for using this money in the scholarship fund – unanimously approved.

Terrence Graham, Christina Nellis, Elaine Haglund, Fatima Hasan, Nikki Estanol, Emyr Williams, David Anglin volunteered to serve.

- iii. Terrence Graham reported that CIE is collaborating more closely with the Career Development Center. This increased collaboration has resulted in a week of programs for Intl Students: workshops on job search, resume building workshops, internships, OPT, CPT, etc
- iv. International Education Week will take place week of Nov 16 – Terrence has requested us to send them event info so everything can be collated into one calendar. The kick off event will take place on Nov. 16 at 11 am.

- c. Sharon Olson reported that the Study Abroad office has successfully recruited a new staff member with significant experience. She will start Nov 16. There is also a new staff member who is internal CSULB transfer (Sharon White). While these are welcome additions, staffing is still short to meet the President's goal (double study abroad by 2020, but it says 2018 in the Strategic Plan).

The Study Abroad fair will take place tomorrow – 10/13 – about 50 providers for study, internship etc abroad will be present.

We have a strong no of applicants for spring study abroad programs.

10/15 There will be a workshop for faculty interested in leading short term Study Abroad – the workshop is planned in collaboration with FCPD – 12:30-2 (other workshops with FCPD are planned eg Fulbright etc).

- d. Education Abroad Subcommittee report by Emyr Williams
He explained the structure of the subcommittee that is made up of 1 rep from each college + Terrence Gr & Sharon + at large members + Elaine as non-voting member. (If someone needs to leave the committee, they need to replace their post with a member from their college.

Moved to approve – approved unanimously.

3. New Business

- a. Revision of Proposal to Create a New Exchange Form (Emyr Williams and Sharon Olson) (update – last meeting’s Journalism / Swedish univeristy proposal – the department of Journalism has confirmed those courses will transfer)

The revised questionnaire was approved unanimously pending 1 revision

- b. Establishing an ASI Secretary of International Students (Nikki Estanol & Elaine Haglund)

An ASI student senator is interested in creating position of “Secretary for International Student Affairs”. Nikki explained that in the ASI president’s cabinet, there are officers like cabinet secretaries – Fatima’s proposal is to create the position Secretary of Intl Students because Intl Students feel a little lost, unless they serve on ASI, their concerns are not expressed. Their needs / issues are distinct from our state-side students and they have no place to voice their requests / needs, whence the need for representation .

They are still developing the resolution at ASI (it can be a by-law amendment – they are working on it).

Terrence proposed a contact person as point of contact for Int Ss with him.

The Secretary would attend this committee (IEC).

May participate in ALI Advisory committee.

This committee unanimously supports this type of representation and will express that support to ASI.

- c. Volunteers for the ASI-CSULB Study Abroad Scholarship Review Committee – 93 total applications to review

David, Christina, Flora, Tom , Leslie, Clarice, Elaine volunteered to serve.

- d. PAWS -- Volunteers for Evaluation of Second Call Applications

Dana, Emyr, Elaine, Terrence, Helen volunteered to serve.

4. Other Business

Minutes by: Aparna Nayak

These minutes have not been approved.