

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

**Minutes # 4: Tuesday, December 8, 2015
Noon – 2:00 PM (FO2 101A)**

Quorum reached and meeting called to order at 12:05

Present: Fatima Hasan, Charles Slater, Heather Barker, Richard Marcus, Khue Duong, Sharon Olson, David Anglin, Francine Vasilomanolakis, Aili Malm, Emyr Williams, Leslie Reese, Elaine Haglund, Tim Keirn, Jeet Joshee, Flora Banuett, Aparna Nayak

1. Introductions

- a. Approval of Agenda – approved unanimously
- b. Approval of November Minutes – approved unanimously
- c. IEC Personnel business: Leslie Reese teaches at noon in spring 16 – but Charles Slater already represents C of Ed; CBA – both reps cannot attend and will need to be replaced. Khue on sabbatical in S16 – trying to actively recruit a library representative for IEC. Richard Marcus will once again be recorder for meeting minutes. David Anglin will not be available in S16 – COTA rep needed.

2. Reports

- a. AVP Joshee Report –
Report on passing of Nohemi in Paris – she was one of 4 at Strate College of Design. All 4 were together at the time of attack. Reported on how the day unfolded on both ends. Information sharing, media relations, vigil, etc. Will debrief with CO for outstanding issues (insurance, etc). More reflection going into better preparation / organization / safety re: IE. Every program will have to have entire contact list readily available in case of emergency.
Nohemi Gonzales IE scholarship: Goal is to try to get to 100K for endowed Nohemi fund. There's been an anonymous donation of 75K; with other donations, we should hopefully get there.
Fatima: reported some Muslim students feeling under pressure / afraid of retaliation. Dean Klaus attended event where he

assured Muslim students that CSULB does not tolerate any discrimination or attacks.

AVP Joshee reported that our campus will hold a series of diversity talks with student leaders.

Suggested having students studying abroad setting up a Twitter account – makes it easy to check in during an emergency.

OPT extension for Intl Students. Thanks to efforts of Dept. of Education, STEM students can get a 17-month extension (STEM students can get a total of 29 months vs. 12 months for all other students). When the extension was instituted, one of the labor unions filed lawsuit in DC. Judge has ordered a stay until Feb. May have future impacts on future numbers of incoming students.

- b. Study Abroad by Sharon Olson – Pre-departure meeting held last Friday; students who had planned to go are still going; no cancellations due to Paris attacks. Also addressed concerns in short term SA group. CIE is ensuring that students update emergency contact info before travel.
86 students have already started applying for scholarships for summer short term; 60 have started the applications for IP. 20 students leaving in January for the London semester.
- c. Richard Marcus ACIP report: gave an example of what the program review committee does – eg. China – very low student interest, in spite of \$4000 scholarship. Problem: very hard to go if you're not a Chinese major. That program is undergoing change. No more resident director position in China; working with the UC program at the same university so students can also take some classes in English, not just Chinese language.
Richard finishes his term at the end of this year; this committee will work with Academic Senate executive committee to nominate next ACIP rep.
Call for resident director for Italy, Spain, France - applications now open for 2017-18.
Korea program – high student demand. More demand than spots available.

Israel program was closed for first half of last year; it was opened during the 2nd half. Open this year and next.
Mexico program expanding, allowing for more majors to get classes there.

Faculty engagement discussed in ACIP. Used to have 8 faculty directors; now down to 3. Money for China Resident Director position will be repurposed for incentivization of faculty engagement. Might look like PAWS. Incentive will be attached to IE.

Next spring ACIP meeting will take place on our campus.

Opportunity for our campus to highlight what we are doing in IE.

Discussion of Australia program, esp. possibly starting a one-semester option in Australia (right now, only 1 year program).

About GSI: USIFL (Undergraduate Intl. Studies and Foreign Language) grant from the Dept of Education / Title VI funding - year 1 is over, year 2 ongoing; year 3 is funded. 5 areas of the grant:

1. Develop a Language and Global Competencies General Education Theme
 2. Create a Language and Global Competencies Honors Track
 3. Develop a Certificate in Khmer Language for Heritage Speakers in coordination with the UCB/UCLA Khmer Language Consortium
 4. Development of new tools for the Department of Romance, German, Russian Languages and Literature (RGRLL). Specifically: develop a French/Italian/Portuguese Language-Culture Certificate for Spanish Speakers, an Intercomprehension Certificate, and a Spanish Language Certificate for Heritage Speakers with a specific focus on *competency* development within high unit and technical majors.
 5. Global Nursing competencies
 - Moving towards 2nd Title VI grant in spring – applying for another USIFL grant – intends to bridge with community college partners (currently CLA, HHS, CCP involved – will attempt to bridge to other colleges as well)
- d. Education Abroad Subcommittee (Em) – proposals to create affiliation agreements with Linguistic Horizons, Cross Cultural Encounters, Educational Travel Adventures.

3. New Business

- a. Visa Documentation Timeline (Em) – programs in Wales and Ireland – delays in paperwork processing. Sharon: schools have to ask the State Dept. for an annual number of J-1 visas to give out; in the current system, there is no mechanism for warning when they're running out of allotment. That's what happened. Took time to go back to State Dept. and request more J-1 allocation urgently. Whence the delay.
- b. Working Committee: Student Study Abroad Scholarship Modifications (Terrence) – subcommittee could not meet.. This work will be continued in early spring to think through the scholarship criteria.
- c. Tenure & International Education (Elaine): request to advocate with our colleges to count IE-related efforts towards tenure. The GSI assistant will scan all college RTP documents to see if IE appears on them and for what they count.

Submitted by Aparna Nayak

These minutes have not been approved.