

## CSULB International Education Committee

### Minutes #3: Tuesday November 12, 2024

Noon - 01:45pm (via Zoom)

<https://csulb.zoom.us/j/86487568407>

Attendees: Jan Haldipur, Jeet Joshee, Sharon Olson, Eugenia Kim, Laura Gonzalez, Laura Emery, Caitlin Fouratt, John Wang, Alessandro Russo, Christian Bracho, Fangyuan Tian, Steven Osuna, Min Gu, Marina Aghekyan, Amr Mosy, Ashley Carter, Ming Chen, Mark Hansberry Maples, Amr Morsy, Susan Shanley, HoWook Shin.

Welcome:

- October 8 meeting minutes approved.
- Approval of today's agenda.
- Discussed the process of tracking attendance, updating email lists, and sending meeting agendas and minutes to committee members.

Announcements:

- Jan Haldipur, Chair, reminded everyone that this is International Education Week and mentioned some of the events that are taking place this week and into next week. The team discussed various events and programs happening during International Education Week, including receptions, fairs, and presentations on international student enrollment data. Here is a list of the various events <https://www.csulb.edu/international/current-students/international-education-week> (from Nov 12-15 and also into the next week). Some highlights: a Global Fair, International Student Advocate Network (ISAN) Ally Training Program, Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Informational Panel organized by our member Laura Gonzalez and USAID Diplomat in Residence: Celebrating Global Learning (hosted by the Global Studies Institute) and an African Cultural Extravaganza by our Africa Subcommittee. There is an opening reception at the Alumni Center that all committee members are encouraged to attend same day as this meeting (Nov 12) at 3:30pm.
- a. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement thanked the staff for putting together an exciting program.
- b. Eugenia Kim, Executive Director, Center for International Education. mentioned that the "Open Doors" Annual Report by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs will be released next week and there will be an online session November 18<sup>th</sup> <https://www.csulb.edu/international/current->

[students/international-education-week](#) In the wake of the election, ISS is hosting a Townhall on November 21<sup>st</sup> to address students' concerns.

- c. Sharon Olson, Director Study Abroad. Sharon reported a significant increase in numbers for the Spring semester, particularly for the exchange programs in Costa Rica, London, and South Korea. She also mentioned a strong summer program with 35-40 faculty members approved to teach. The winter programs were full, with groups going to Cuba, Italy, and Australia/New Zealand. Suzanne Marshall's final Paris fashion program was highlighted, which will be taken over by the Family and Consumer Sciences Department starting next spring. Sharon expressed gratitude towards the fashion merchandising department for their efforts, which resulted in at least seventy-five students going abroad each year. ASI student Scholarships were reviewed by a committee of IEC members and announcements will be made soon.
- d. The Education Abroad Subcommittee interviewed faculty applications and selected the following faculty:

Nele Hempel-Lamar has been selected for the exchange program in Florence, Italy, with Pravina Cooper as backup.  
Steven Rousso-Schindler has been selected for South Africa.

The committee voted unanimously on their recommendations.

They will be interviewing for South Korea soon.

- e. Caitlin Fouratt, Acting Director of Global Studies Institute:

Caitlin reported on awards from the GSI. One is the Melissa Adams endowed scholarship for international internships – this is one \$1,000 scholarship. Applications are currently being reviewed. The other is a one time that GSI received: a fund of \$10,000 to amplify the international internship scholarship. They are hoping to provide four \$2,500 scholarships in Spring 2025.

IV. International Education Week (11/12-11/15) – mentioned in the announcements above.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.