

California State University, Long Beach
International Education Committee (IEC) 2023-
2024 Annual Report

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: MISSION AND CHARGE

The International Education Committee (IEC) strives to develop and sustain a comprehensive international ethos throughout the California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) campus community. The IEC promotes global literacy at CSULB by fostering the internationalization of curricula and encouraging international experiences among faculty, staff, and students.

The duties of the International Education Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Promoting a collaborative effort toward a “globally engaged campus community” as stated in the CSULB Mission Statement.
2. Proposing policies and policy revisions as appropriate related to International Education to CEPC.
3. Collaborating with colleges, departments, and the Associate Vice President for International Education and Global Engagement to encourage and facilitate interdisciplinary curricular and programmatic internationalization.
4. Providing guidance, recommendations, and advocacy for International Education.
5. Supporting faculty efforts related to International Education.
6. Contributing advice and recommendations on International Educational linkages.
7. Encouraging efforts that enhance funding for International Education-related initiatives and research.
8. Coordinating the work of International Education Committee subcommittees and working groups pertaining to International Education.
9. Submitting an annual report of the committee’s activities to the chair of the Curriculum and Educational Policies Council (CEPC).

2023-2024 IEC elected officers:

Hema Ramachandran, Chair

Stephen Adam, Vice Chair

Alessandro Russo, Member-at-Large

No Recorder elected this year (Leslie Farmer recorded minutes pro-tem)

Active Subcommittees of the IEC in 2023-2024:

- East Asia subcommittee – Co-Chairs, Nana Suzumura-Smith, and Alexander Hahn (Annual report attached below)
- Africa subcommittee – Chair, Cheryl Rock (Annual report attached below)

Evaluation Groups for the IEC in 2023-2024:

ASI Study Abroad scholarships

Education Abroad Committee

Two members represented IEC to interview faculty for Semester-long study abroad programs (London, Florence, Costa Rica, South Africa) faculty positions.

No Professors Around the World (PAW) grants were awarded this year.

*Internationalizing of Teaching and Learning Awards – have not returned

Priorities of the 2023-2024 IEC

1. Continued to strengthen connection with regional subcommittees.

- a. Invited chairs of the East Asia and Africa subcommittees to meetings
- b. Linked the East Asia Website to the Academic Senate website
<https://www.csulb.edu/academic-senate/councils-committees>
- c. The Africa Subcommittee is working on their website.

2. Competency building

- a. Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) has been dormant since key faculty left CSULB. One of the IEC members, Laura Gonzalez, is reestablishing the program by conducting an audit of existing COIL faculty, reconnecting with the Faculty Center for future workshops, and presenting a faculty panel during International Student Week (November 2023).

3. Access for students

- a. Partnered with the Fulbright Advisor to review students applying for the Fulbright Scholarships.
- b. Assisted in promoting several campus events: International Education Week, Global Studies Institute programs, International Student Ally Training, International Student Alumni Social Networking event, The Honor Society for International Scholar (Phi Beta Delta) virtual conference, etc.

Future Development:

Support innovation – Continue to recruit and encourage CSULB faculty to incorporate Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) pedagogy by making COIL materials available for the campus community and providing workshops in collaboration with the Faculty Center.

Collaborate and expand – Continue working with the East Asia subcommittee and the Africa subcommittee by supporting their efforts. Determine whether other subcommittees that are still active (to name a few that have existed in the past Latin America subcommittee, Middle East subcommittee, Russia and Central Asia, South Asia subcommittee).

Remove barriers to engagement – Develop policy recommendations around international education efforts to be considered in the retention, tenure, and promotion policy of each

college that may be proposed to the faculty council of each college.

Create materials (a “Primer” for onboarding new members to IEC via Canvas. Several members indicated that they would like some guidance, especially before voting on the committees.

Summary:

As an Academic Senate committee consisting of faculty, staff, students, and administrators representing the Colleges and Units of the University, the IEC convenes to bring insight into the diverse opportunities and challenges associated with international education. IEC members are the ambassadors of international education within their colleges and units. In this capacity, IEC members promote opportunities for students, such as the Gilman and Fulbright scholarships; promote opportunities for faculty, such as PAW grants and semester-long study abroad programs; and support campus efforts through reviewing applications, including ASI scholarships for students and PAW grants.

During the 2023-2024 academic year, IEC members reviewed two rounds of ASI scholarship applications, approved the faculty-lead recommendations for the three semester-long study abroad programs and reviewed MOUs for new university partnerships. IEC organized a faculty panel to promote COIL initiatives as part of International Education Week and continued to strengthen connection with two active regional subcommittees on campus.

IEC members voted to continue meeting via Zoom for AY 2023-2024. However, at a member's suggestion, we had two highly successful informal get-together meetings at the Nugget in May. Members had the opportunity to exchange information about study abroad programs and the Study Abroad Director was on hand to answer questions. It has been suggested that we continue to hold such meetings in the future.

East Asia Subcommittee

2023-2024

<https://web.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/projects/eastasia/index.html>

<https://www.csulb.edu/academic-senate/councils-committees>

Co-chairs: Alexander Hahn, D.M.A. Director of Vocal Studies, Bob Cole Conservatory of Music
Nana Suzumura-Smith, PhD, Assistant Professor, Asian and Asian American Studies

Members (24):

Ruixi Ai, Shuhua An, Hyowon Ban, Teresa Chen, Sally Chung, Kyoungmi Ha, Tae Im Han, Claudia Huang, Seung-hoon Jeong, Judy Jou, Margaret Kuo, Guotong Li, Linna Li, Tairan Liu
Ying Liu, Yuping Mao, Jung Mee Mun, Tianjiao Qiu, Kristy Shih, Lei Sun, Jason Wang, Zheng Wang, Yu Yang, Tina Zhao

Activities in 2023-2024:

- Monthly meetings

- 2024 Lunar New Year Celebration
 - February 12, 2024, at USU Ballroom, Photos: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBe6xt>
 - 420 student attendees and 43 volunteers
 - This event was designed to embrace diversity, equity, and educational inclusion and to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) at the Beach. The festival featured musical performances by Asian students from CSULB's music department, taiko drumming, and lion dance, as well as Asian food, crafts, and activities, including origami and calligraphy.
 - For the first time this year, the East Asia Subcommittee partnered with the AAPI Resource Center, Beach Pride Events, and the Asian Pacific Islander Network to organize the event. One of the most important tasks for the East Asia Subcommittee was fundraising from various units at CSULB. The following units provided funding for the event Office of the President, Asian, Pacific Islander, and Desi Resource Center, Center for International Education, Asian Pacific Islander Network, College of Business, College of Liberal Arts, College of Professional and Continuing Education, Asian and Asian American Studies Department, Geography Department.

- Brown Bag Talk
 - March 21, 2024 – Seung-hoon Jeong “East Asian Cinema as Global Cinema”

- Mentoring and advising of students with an East Asian background (in East Asian languages)
 - List of faculty members:
<https://web.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/projects/eastasia/Meetings.html>

- Creation of a [Canvas Group](#) to host meetings, make announcements, and share documents and materials.

Goals/Plans for 2024-2025:

- Co-chairs: Alexander Hahn and Nana Suzumura-Smith
- Welcome reception/social in Fall 2024
- (Re)Building more connections with the EIC
- Revision of the EASC mission and charge

Events and Initiatives led by the Co-chairs in 2023-2024:

- Led monthly meetings.
- Created a Canvas Group for the committee to host meetings, make announcements, and share documents and materials.

- Created a link to the East Asia Subcommittee website on the Academic Senate and EIC websites to raise visibility of the committee.
- Created a list of faculty members available for mentoring and advising of students with an East Asian background (in East Asian languages) on the committee's website:
<https://web.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/projects/eastasia/Meetings.html>
- Organized the 2024 Lunar New Year Celebration.
 - The 2024 Lunar New Year Festival was a significant and multifaceted event, requiring extensive coordination and effort from this committee's co-chairs. Designed to embrace diversity, equity, and educational inclusion and to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) at the Beach, the festival featured musical performances by Asian students from CSULB's music department, taiko drumming, and the traditional lion dance. Attendees also enjoyed a range of Asian cuisine, crafts, and activities, like origami and calligraphy.
 - This year marked the first collaboration between the East Asia Subcommittee and partners such as the AAPI Resource Center, Beach Pride Events, and the Asian Pacific Islander Network. The co-chairs of the East Asia Subcommittee worked diligently to secure funding from various units at CSULB, promote the event, recruit, and organize volunteers, set-up the venue, and oversee activities on the day of the event. Their efforts were essential in ensuring the event's success and in fostering a sense of community and appreciation for AAPI culture at CSULB.
- Hosted Brown Bag Talk titled "East Asian Cinema as Global Cinema" by Seung-hoon Jeong. The co-chairs found the speaker and arranged the venue.



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Africa Sub-Committee Updates Fall 2023 & Spring 2024

Chair: Cheryl Rock

Members: 10 Members

a. Annual Fall Event: African Extravaganza 2023 - Nov 14, 2023, 12:30pm – 2:00 pm – University Beach Auditorium

Activities –African Drumming, Short- and Long-Term Study Abroad opportunities to countries of the African Diaspora (i.e., Barbados) and African Continent, Faculty Presentations & Cultural Food

Number of Attendees: 100 individuals

b. Annual Spring Event: African Eats – Feb 15, 2024, 12:30 – 2:00 pm, USU

Topic – The History, Culture and Science of Chocolate from West African Countries

Number of Attendees: 30 Students