

CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)

Minutes #7: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 Noon – 1:45 PM (via Zoom) Join Zoom Meeting

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

Attendees: Attendees: Hema Ramachandran (Chair), Marine Aghekyan, Izzy Ahmed, Ashley Carter, Ming Chen, Gracie Cole, Laura Emery, Lesley Farmer, Laura Gonzalez Alana, Min Gu, Elaine Haglund, Jan Haldipur, Seung-Hoon Jeong, Jeet Joshee, Eugenia Kim, Soyeon Kim, Shamim Mirza, Amr Morsy, Sharon Olson, Jacqueline Record, Alessandro Russo, Fangyuan Tian, John Wang CHHS

Guests: Nana Suzumura-Smith, Cheryl Rock

- I. Welcome. The meeting was convened at 12:05pm on Zoom.
- II. The IEC gathering at the Nugget patio on May 7 was very successful. It was a productive exchange of ideas and information. We will have another gathering on May 15.
- III. Administrative:
 - a. Approval of April 9 minutes was M/S/P
 - b. Approval of today's agenda was M/S/P

A BIG THANK YOU to Dr. Lesley Farmer from the Chair for stepping in and taking minutes for the entire academic year.

- IV. Time Certain 12:10-12:30 reports from two area subcommittees

-- The co-chair of the East Asia Subcommittee, Professor Nana Suzumura-Smith, provided an update on the subcommittee's activities. The East Asia Subcommittee (EASC) consists of approximately 24 members. They have been conducting monthly meetings and hosting brown bag talks. The subcommittee has also established a Canvas group and a mentor/advising service. Furthermore, in February, they organized, collaborating with other campus units such as AAPI, colleges, and programs, a grand cultural event at USU to celebrate the Lunar New Year: The Year of the Dragon. The event provided international students and scholars from East Asian countries such as China, Korea, Japan, and Taiwan, an opportunity to highlight contributions and build friendships and networks. EASC has developed a website that is now linked to the Academic Senate's IEC website <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-senate/international-education-committee-iec>

--Africa Subcommittee Co-Chair, Professor Cheryl Rock

Dr. Cheryl Rock, the chair, reported on the Africa subcommittee, highlighting two successful flagship events: one during International Education Week (IEW) and another during Black History Month. The "African Extravaganza" during IEW featured speakers and a variety of African foods, including an interesting talk about chocolate. The subcommittee collaborated with Multicultural Affairs and Africana Studies. The Africa subcommittee is creating a website linked to the IEC website.

The chairs of the Area Subcommittees requested a service letter. The IEC chair enquired with the Chair of the Academic Senate, and it was determined that a service letter from the Academic Senate is not appropriate. However, the IEC chair may write letters to the subcommittee chairs in response to their annual report. As far as we are aware, the subcommittees reporting at this meeting are the only two active subcommittees.

Each subcommittee should have a charge and be recognized by the IEC. The charge of the East Asia subcommittee is on its website, and it was approved and recognized by the IEC (M/S/P). It would be useful to invite IEC representatives to attend subcommittee meetings and for the chairs of the subcommittees to serve as ex-officio liaisons at IEC meetings. IEC members should try to locate other regional subcommittees; Alicia del Campo knows about the Latin American group.

- V. Education Abroad Subcommittee (Laura Gonzalez and Marine Anghekan are our representatives). They reported on the proposal for a full exchange program with Chulalongkorn University, Thailand (<https://www.chula.ac.th/en/>). They recommended its approval for five years. It was M/S/P to approve the agreement proposal. The process of developing and approving such a proposal was explained.

End of regular meeting

Organizational Meeting for AY 2024-2025:

- VI. Unfortunately, the Academic Senate, Nominations committee did not have quorum to meet at the end of the Spring semester, so we do not have the new roster of IEC members for AY 2024-2025. IEC members who want to continue, should email the chair of the Nominations committee – Alexis.Pavenick@csulb.edu to make sure their name is included. Here is the current (AY 2023-2024) roster https://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/2023/documents/IEC%20Roster%2023-24_6.pdf

VII. Election of the 2024-2025 officers of the International Education Committee – Chair, Vice Chair, Recorder and Member-at-Large is tabled. Elections will be the Fall after we have a current roster from the Academic Senate.

VIII. Brief Announcements:

- a. Ashley Carter is going to a faculty development seminar in Mongolia, which focuses on climate change (<https://www.caorc.org/post/caorc-announces-awards-for-the-2024-overseas-faculty-development-seminar-in-mongolia>).
- b. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement: tabled
- c. Eugenia Kim, Executive Director, Center for International Education: The international students' graduation ceremony was successful. Orientation for new international students will be held on August 19. International students can now work more hours outside of semester terms.
- d. Sharon L. Olson, Director, Education Abroad: More students are studying abroad this summer and fall than in several recent years. PAWS funding was not allocated for AY 2024-2025. Fees for international students will increase for AY 2024-2025, with a plan for an annual increased amount (see <https://www.csulb.edu/international/future-students/tuition-fees>); it would be useful to get predicted expenses earlier in the year. Student assistant salaries should also be examined, especially for faculty who apply for research grants and want to employ students. The South Africa project was canceled for the fall. CSULB is third among CSU campuses for study abroad students (SJSU is 1st, and SLO is 2nd).
- e. Steven Osuna is writing an article about studying abroad, which would be suitable for the *CSU Global Journal*.
<https://digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/csuglobaljournal/>
- f. Hema was thanked for the informal social gathering; it was very enjoyable. It was suggested that IEC do this again early in the fall.
- g. Richard Marcus's report was tabled.
- h. Lesley Farmer, International Honor Society (Phi Beta Delta): The international PBD virtual conference (April 26, 2024) was successful <https://www.csulb.edu/international/phi-beta-delta>; Richard Marcus presented about the new global education journal. The CSULB Alpha chapter induction ceremony was convened on May 6; Laura Gonzalez, Izzy Ahmed, and Hema Ramachandran were inducted into PBD

X. Members finishing their term were thanked for their service; Lesley is retiring; congrats to Lesley and best wishes to her. Thanks were given to members for their IEC efforts and participation throughout this academic year.

**Please share all relevant information through your faculty listservs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36pm.

XI. Possible Projects for next year: list only

International Education-related policy recommendations for RTP policies
– Consider proposing policy in each college faculty council.

CLA – doesn't have anything; up to the individual to talk about it.

CNSM – mentions study abroad in additional instruction.

COE – doesn't have any mention.

CED – we follow the university; study abroad listed under instructionally-related activities.

COB – doesn't have any mention.

COTA – updates to come.