

## **CSULB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (IEC)**

**Minutes #1: Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

**Noon – 1:45 PM (via Zoom)**

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Attendees: Attendees: Hema Ramachandran (Convening Chair), Marine Aghekyan, Ashley Carter, Ming Chen, Laura Emery, Caitlin Fouratt, Laura Gonzalez Alana, Min Gu, Jan Haldipur, Seung-Hoon Jeong, Jeet Joshee, Eugenia Kim, Soyeon Kim, Amr Morsy, Sharon Olson, Jacqueline Record, Alessandro Russo, John Wang.

- I. Welcome.
- II. Administrative:
  - a. Approval of May 14 Minutes was M/S/P
  - b. Approval of today's Agenda M/S/P
- III. IEC Members introduced themselves.
- IV. Jan Haldipur was elected Chair; Laura Gonzalez, Vice Chair; Hema Ramachandran, Recorder; Laura Emery, Member-at-Large. Hema and Laura will share Recorder duties covering for each other.

Discussion ensued about using the new Zoom AI Assistant. Some members are already using it in some of their meetings and it is working well. A few members had reservations about recording the meeting with live transcripts. Jan will explore how to use it without recording but creating a summary of the main points of the meeting. Hema will use it to assist in taking minutes, review and fill in any details that were missed.

- V. Appointment of IEC members to the Education Abroad Subcommittee:  
The following members volunteered to serve: Laura Gonzalez, Marine Aghekyan, Alessandro Russo, Min Gu, Seung-hoon Jeung. This committee will review new Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) between new foreign universities and CSULB. A subset of this committee - Laura Gonzalez and Marine Aghekyan - will represent IEC in the committee that interviews faculty applicants for the Florence and South Africa programs. The rest of the committee consists of faculty who have already taught on this program and Rick Halsey. This will take place week of October 4.

Not on the agenda, but the following volunteered to be on the ASI Scholarships committee: Laura G, Min Gu, Ming Chen and Hema. These will be assigned second week of October and have to be completed by beginning of November.

VI. Announcements:

- a. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement. Jeet reported that there will be a lot more partnerships with India with lifting of many restrictions under its new educational policy [https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload\\_files/mhrd/files/NEP\\_Final\\_English\\_0.pdf](https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/NEP_Final_English_0.pdf). We have about 500 new international students this Fall. Unfortunately, visas continue to be denied, and passports are not returned in time for students to travel. The Center for International Education is going through the PARC review process. The external review was on September 13, and Jeet has arranged for the reviewers to meet with international students.
- b. Eugenia Kim, Executive Director, Center for International Education. The semester started well with International Student Orientations. She reminded us that international students can only take three online credits per semester. International Education Week is Nov 18-22 this year.
- c. Sharon L. Olson, Director, Education Abroad. Please see item V above.
- d. Caitlin Fouratt, Director of Global Studies Institute. Caitlyn has taken over from Richard Marcus. Caitlyn is working on the following initiatives and will report on them in future meetings: international scholarships, seed money for global development, Peace Corps event, sustainability, and the annual Curris Lecture

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

VII. Possible Projects for next year: list only

- i. 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.