

## UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

## MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015

**Attending:** Bjorn Birnir, Chair (UCSB), Eduardo Macagno, Vice Chair (UCSD), Jocelyn Sharlet (UCD), Steve Lee (UCLA) (telephone), Yang Quan Chen (UCM), Paul Atzberger (UCSB) (telephone), Kurt Anderson (UCR) (telephone), Julian Schroeder (UCSD) (telephone), Lisa Thompson (UCSF), Yat Li (UCSC) (telephone), Jean-Xavier Guinard (Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director, UCEAP), Hsiu-Zu Ho (Systemwide Office of the Education Abroad Program) (telephone), Dan Hare (Chair, Academic Senate), Jim Chalfant (Vice Chair, Academic Senate), Brenda Abrams (Principal Analyst)

**I. Consent Calendar**

**Action:** The minutes and today's agenda were approved.

**II. Chair's Report**

The committee's bylaw has been rewritten and the goal is to pass the changes today. The sense is that the proposed changes are reasonable. Senate Leadership has agreed that a subcommittee of UCIE will be the main committee to will review a proposed International Policy in January. Ben Crow was the UCIE representative on the committee that developed this policy. Members of UCIE can volunteer to participate on the subcommittee.

UCEAP has a new director and the chair plans to meet her in January. UCEAP has a large operating surplus this year but there is concern that these savings resulted from cuts in services at study centers. The success of UCEAP is based on increasing the FTEs (as opposed to the number of participants) but the number has remained steady. The program fee instituted a couple of years ago may have impacted the FTE number and UCEAP has now eliminated this fee. Steady increases in FTEs over the next several years will be the goal.

**III. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership**

- *Dan Hare, Chair, Academic Senate*
- *Jim Chalfant, Vice Chair, Academic Senate*

Chair Hare provided an update on the November Regents' meeting. The Regents want a new committee to deal with the governance of the medical centers. Major changes include adding non-voting members to the committee to provide expertise, and adding a member of the Academic Senate who is a clinical professor at one of the centers and who will be an ex officio member of the Committee on Faculty Welfare. A plan to construct buildings at UCM was finally passed by the Regents and since there is no capital budget to pay for the construction a new private/public model is being used. UC has agreed to enroll an additional ten thousand students by the year 2018. Campuses should be concerned about how they will accommodate all of these students and the Regents have voiced concern about this as well. There is a proposal to increase graduate student enrollment to provide teaching assistants for the new undergraduate students.

The Regents are working on a Statement on Intolerance. Several Jewish groups have asked UC to adopt the State Department's definition. A workgroup was established to draft a new statement after the first one was voted down in September. The workgroup had a day of public comment and heard from a panel of experts another day. The workgroup started drafting the statement this week and a second meeting to work on the statement is scheduled in January. A way for faculty to review the statement is under discussion but there are concerns about the draft being released prematurely.

A joint committee examining faculty discipline was established partly as a result of Chancellor Dirk's statement about the case of Professor Marcy at UCB. Chair Hare explained that there is a misunderstanding about the three year rule. The committee has to report back to the President in January and there may be an opportunity for

Senate review of the recommendations.

The budget framework initiatives were described by Chair Hare. Although UC has not seen its budget for 2016-2017 yet, it is expected to reflect the State's disdain for non-resident students. UC is being audited and one question is whether the non-resident students compare favorably with California students. The state would like to see a breakdown of the funding sources for faculty salaries. It is difficult to dispel the idea that non-resident students displace California residents.

**Discussion:** A member asked if UC is doing anything to repair the relationship with the legislature. Chair Hare responded that UC's agreement to enroll ten thousand students is part of this effort. Some of the programmatic initiatives are intrusive but UC is conducting the work as requested.

#### **IV. UCEAP Director's Report**

- *Jean-Xavier Guinard, Executive Director, UCEAP*

Professor Vivian-Lee Nyitray will be the new Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director for the UC Education Abroad Program. Data on the 2014-15 enrollments was reviewed. There was significant enrollment growth at every campus. So far in 2015-16, there are just over 5,500 students enrolled. In past years, the growth happened during the summer but the increase in FTEs is now occurring at different times. There may be substantial growth next year. The Executive Director reported concern that the terror attack in Paris would impact the program. However, none of the students in Paris wanted to return to the U.S. early and none of the students planning to go to Paris in January or later in 2016 have opted out. Sarah Abraham later reported that this is an error; six students did withdraw from the program and return to California after the attacks.

Executive Director Guinard reviewed the budget approved by the UCEAP Governing Committee. A goal was to reduce the costs for participants. The Participation Fee was reduced to \$600 which means students in the year-long program for 2016-17 will enjoy a \$300 discount. The program will also offer strategic regional scholarships. UCEAP's Academic Integration grants were described. Eight grants were awarded to faculty at UCD, UCLA, UCR, UCSB, and UCSC. The recruitment of faculty for China is somewhat difficult, but recruiting for other study centers is going well. UCEAP celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the United Kingdom.

**Discussion:** A member asked about how faculty benefit from being study center directors. Executive Director Guinard commented that it would be nice if serving as a director were recognized in the promotion and advancement process. Faculty have to make a two year commitment to the program. In the past, faculty could conduct their research while abroad but the study director position is now more administrative in nature.

#### **V. Associate Dean's Report**

- *Hsui-Zu Ho, Associate Dean, UCEAP*

The Registrars were asked for information about the types of credit. This project is aimed at integrating international abroad programming with course work at the campuses. The project was piloted with the UCSB Registrars' team. UCEAP has developed a searchable tool. There is no information about student identification or grades in the system. UCB will provide this data in January and UCLA has agreed to provide data but there is no timeline for this campus yet. This information will make campus course approvals easier. It is important that participation in UCEAP does not extend students' time to completion. The Associate Dean will send the URL and walk members through the system at a future UCEAP meeting. All constituents have responded very positively to the creation of this database.

#### **VI. Program Portfolio Proposals 2015-2016**

**Global Health Mexico Program:** The proposal has been revised so that students are not participating in clinical rotations in order to avoid conflict with an existing campus program. The program will begin with language instruction in Mexico City. The goal is to have 15 to 20 students in this program in the spring. Input from the

campuses will be used to develop a comprehensive proposal for UCIE to review in the future.

**Discussion:** One question is whether students in the program will conduct research over the summer. It was noted that transfer students miss the opportunity to participate in EAP unless it is during the first summer after they matriculate. It was suggested that this program should be open to graduate students, although a different structure would be required. The UCLA representative commented that this program is likely to be very popular with students in pre-med or pre-health but students in professional schools will be too busy to participate.

**Mediterranean Food Science and Diet Program:** It is hoped that this program attracts pre-health and pre-med students. Anyone can apply but the target population is students at UCB and UCD. Students will spend half a semester in Florence and half a semester in Madrid. The program will have a lab component which allow students to complete some of their required courses. Partners in Madrid and Florence will assist with instruction. Enrollment in this program will probably be capped at thirty. Whether the same instructor will be with the students in each city has not been decided.

**Brunel University London:** This is UCIE's second review of the Brunel University program proposal. Supplemental information includes details about the required grade point average. UC's partners in the United Kingdom have students with high GPAs but the minimum is not indicative of what is required for students to be successful.

**Discussion:** Chair Birnir indicated concern about having a two-tiered program in London. Students with GPAs higher than the range stated in the proposal can enroll in this program. The program considers the students' reasons for wanting to study in London, the GPA and the relevant courses students have taken. The question was asked if a serious effort had been made to get existing partner universities in London to accept these students. While London is attractive to students, there is a question about whether UCEAP considered working with partners outside the city. Brunel University is a private institution that offers a campus-based UCEAP program.

## **VII. Program Reviews**

### **A. 2014-2015 France Review Report and Responses**

**Discussion:** The committee had no further comments.

### **B. 2014-2015 Africa Review Report and Responses**

**Discussion:** UCIE has not seen a response to its report. The UCD representative reported that the programs are doing well but individuals with local knowledge should be part of the orientation. The outreach to UC faculty should be increased. Literature and archeology are two of the most popular courses. People have expressed fears about Ebola so better information about the countries impacted by this should be made available. It was suggested that the report might have been structured so that all of the countries were not lumped together. Three of the programs in Africa are small and the program in Ghana is the largest. The UCI representative was assigned to review some of the countries and the UCD representative will contact him to coordinate drafting the UCIE memo. The memo will be submitted to the Senate's Executive Director so it can be forwarded to UCEAP.

### **C. 2015-2016 Spain 10-Year Review**

**Discussion:** UCEAP would like UCIE's input on questions about grading, the structure and appropriateness of the intensive language programs, how to build up the immersion program, and whether the program has the right balance of courses. Members discussed whether students should be required to speak Spanish or to participate in some type of language instruction. Additional questions the review committee might ask include whether the intensive language programs should be longer and whether instruction in Spanish language and culture should be required. Executive Director Guinard suggested that Chair Birnir participate on the review committee.

#### **D. 2015-2016 London School of Economics Summer School 3-Year Review**

**Discussion:** Chair Birnir asked whether the courses are business or economics. Students are most interested in being able to indicate that they attended the prestigious London School of Economics.

#### **E. 2015-2016 Tsinghua University 3-Year Review**

**Discussion:** This school is not far from Beijing University, in Beijing. One question is how to increase the participation of students in the life sciences. The pollution is a concern for students.

#### **F. 2015-2016 National Taiwan Normal University Language and Culture Program 3-Year Review**

**Discussion:** UCEAP has a culture and language program in Hong Kong. A new curriculum has been developed by the program. The language of instruction is Mandarin but there are variations in the dialect (Cantonese) and in the written language and one recommendation is to expose students to these variations. It would be reasonable to compare the NTNU program with the program in Hong Kong.

### **VIII. Executive Session ~ Proposed Amendment to SB 182**

Action: The revised Bylaw 182 was approved with the justifications, and Chair Birnir is permitted to make small changes if suggested by the chairs of the other Academic Senate committees.

### **IX. Executive Session ~ Program Portfolio Proposals 2015-2016**

#### **A. Global Health Mexico Program**

**Action:** The UCSF representative volunteered to review this proposal. Members approve the first review of the program.

#### **B. Mediterranean Food Science and Diet Program**

**Action:** The UCD and UCSD representatives will review this proposal. Members approved the first review of this program.

#### **C. Brunel University London**

**Action:** The UCSB representative volunteered to review this proposal. Members voted to approve this program with a satisfactory answer of a list of questions asked by the committee.

### **X. Executive Session ~ Program Reviews**

#### **A. 2014-2015 France Review Report and Responses**

The UCSC representative will prepare a summary if needed.

#### **B. 2014-2015 Africa Review Report and Responses**

The UCD representative will prepare a summary of this proposal.

#### **C. 2015-2016 Spain 10-Year Review**

Chair Birnir volunteered to serve on the review committee and the UCI representative will work on the questions.

**D. 2015-2016 London School of Economics Summer School 3-Year Review**

The UCSB representative volunteered to work on the questions and the UCR representative will serve on the review committee.

**E. 2015-2016 Tsinghua University 3-Year Review**

The UCM and UCLA representatives volunteered to review this proposal.

**F. 2015-2016 National Taiwan Normal University Language and Culture Program 3-Year Review**

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**XI. Items of Interest at the Divisions**

This matter was not discussed.

**XII. New Business**

There was no New Business.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Brenda Abrams

Attest: Bjorn Birnir