

**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008**

TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

Responsibilities and Duties

The University Committee on International Education (UCIE) oversees all academic aspects of the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP), and is responsible for approving new programs, changes in programs, and all program courses and credits. The committee also oversees the formal review of programs and advises the President on the appointment of Study Center Directors. UCIE met three times during the 2007-08 academic year; the committee's key activities and accomplishments are highlighted in this report.

EAP Closures/Suspensions/Discontinuances

Program	Host Institution/Locale	Country	Action
Architecture Program	University of Ferrara	Italy	Closed
UC Exchange Agreement	Sheffield University	United Kingdom	Terminated
Education Abroad Program	American University of Paris	France	Closed
Critical Studies Program	Affiliated Parisian Institutions	France	Closed
UC Exchange Agreement	University of Toulouse	France	Terminated
UC Exchange Agreement	Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey	Mexico	Terminated
Education Abroad Program	Kwame Nkrumah University, Kumasi	Ghana	To close effective AY 2009-10
Psychology Program	Maastricht University	Netherlands	To close effective AY 2009-10
Joint Summer School Program	Lund University	Sweden	Suspended effective Summer 2009
Education Abroad Program	Thomsett University	Thailand	Admin. Closure Summer 2009
Education Abroad Program	Hong Kong University for Science & Technology	China	Admin. Closure Spring 2009
Education Abroad Program	Affiliated Canadian Institutions	Canada	Admin. Closure Spring 2009
Education Abroad Program	University of Hyderabad	India	Admin. Closure Spring 2009

EAP Program Development

UCIE did not consider any new programs in 2007-08.

Report of the University of California Joint Ad Hoc Committee on International Education

In reviewing the University of California Joint Ad Hoc Committee Report on International Education, UCIE members agreed that the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) should remain the centerpiece of UC's international education strategy going forward, but UCIE could not endorse the Report as written. UCIE's paramount concern, and its Senate mandate, is the academic quality of EAP's programs, as well as EAP's own status as an academic program. It is the considered opinion of this committee that third-party providers do not provide the academic quality or the level of safety that EAP has traditionally provided UC students. Of particular concern is the fact that the Academic Senate does not have academic oversight over third-party providers. The Report is also silent about graduate students, foreign students (besides noting that their numbers should increase), and graduate foreign students. The budget is also of concern to academic quality. Indeed, due to EAP's budget woes and its deficit, UCIE has recently cut a number of programs and eliminated several study center director positions: both measures will impact the quality of the UCEAP experience. The Report also recommends a new administrative structure for international education, along with an "International Education Leadership Team." Although this team seems to be an executive-level group, it is not clear from the Report whether this group has the authority to plan a long-term strategy beyond what the Ad-Hoc Review Committee has already outlined. UCIE recommended that the Senate be represented on that team. Finally, UCIE members agreed with the Minority Report in its assertion that the process by which the Ad-Hoc Committee produced its recommendations was somewhat flawed. UCIE felt that the final Ad-Hoc Report reflects the somewhat chaotic process that produced it, and more study may be required to develop sound strategies as well as academic and financial models for international education going forward.

EAP Budget Cut Proposal

In December 2007, Provost Hume asked UCEAP to plan for a 15% budget cut to their 2008-09 budget. In making this request, he asked UCEAP to conduct two budget planning exercises. The first scenario is a straight 15% budget cut. The second is a redirection of the full Marginal Cost of Instruction (MCOI) to the campuses for students enrolled in EAP programs, and redirection of the student fees, less the 33.3% return-to-aid to UCEAP. There was agreement with the consultants on EAP's ability to sustain a 10% cut and that a 15% cut is untenable. They stressed the impact of these cuts on the campuses, as many services will be exported to the campuses. UCEAP is cutting back its budget by 23%; cutting back the study centers is more difficult due to the existence of certain labor laws. UCOP has dictated that the Great Cities programs should not be cut. The consultants clarified that in order to break even, UCEAP should be charging \$3,300 per student in these programs, but it is only proposing a \$1,100 student fee.

Education Abroad Travel Policy Restrictions and the Study Abroad Industry

UCIE responded to the University Committee on Academic Freedom's (UCAAF) request that 1) UCOP rescind its current policy of denying student fee funding for travel abroad to a student in a country where the State Department has published a travel advisory; and 2) establish a faculty committee to investigate the extent of UC's involvement with the study abroad industry as well as the extent to which UC officials at any UC campus or in UCOP have received perks from this industry. With respect to the first request, UCIE noted that EAP is not supported by student fees; its programs and operations are supported by State funds. Second, the travel warning policy is a UCOP policy which EAP follows and implements. While UCOP supports EAP in both the maintenance and the execution of this policy, it is not directly responsible for it. This policy was instituted primarily for the safety and security of the students; it also protects

UCEAP from legal liability. EAP relies on the State Department warnings for the simple reason that they provide the best index of safety and security risks available. UCEAP does not have the staff expertise or the resources to do this kind of risk analysis on its own.

State Senate Resolution No. 18

UCIE opined on State Senate Resolution No. 18, which asks that the University of California Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) revise its travel warning policy with respect to programs in countries that have received ‘less severe’ United States Department of State travel advisories. In expressing its opposition to State Senate Resolution No. 18, UCIE stressed that the safety of EAP students and the legal protection of EAP, as a state-sponsored and state-sanctioned education abroad program, are its predominant concerns and that UCEAP does not have the technical expertise to gauge the safety of a country based on the language in a travel warning or through other means.

EAP GPA Policy Revisions

UCIE approved the following EAP GPA Policy: “Students must meet the listed GPA requirements at the time they are selected by the campus offices for participation in EAP and their files are forwarded to UOEAP (no conditional approvals will be allowed). A limited number of waivers will be allowed for students in exceptional circumstances who are applying to programs with a 2.85 GPA requirement during the 2008-09 recruitment cycle. UCIE delegates discretionary authority for approving such waivers to the appropriate Campus Director. Any waivers must be approved by the time that students are selected by campus offices for participation in EAP and their files are forwarded to UOEAP; however, actual student participation in the targeted program also will depend on final approval by the hosting institution. GPA requirement waivers for student participation in programs with 2.85 GPA requirements will not be considered for students with GPAs less than 2.6.”

Formal Program Reviews

Members commented on three formal program reviews in 2007-08:

Moscow, Russia

Members accepted and endorsed the formal review committee’s report and its recommendations on the Moscow, Russia program. UCIE reviewers felt that EAP needs Moscow and that a UC faculty member is extremely important at this site. Smaller issues included that the one English course being taught was quite weak; however, professors were open to modifying this course. Students expressed concerns about staying in home stays where they were basically ignored; subsequently the committee had a number of recommendations on how to better integrate students into Russian culture and society. It was suggested that an informal committee be formed to look at increasing the numbers on this program.

Santiago, Chile

Members accepted and endorsed the formal review committee’s report and its recommendations on the Santiago, Chile program. The only issue with which the review committee differed on with the director was over this issue of the director exerting control over a particularly problematic course.

Rome, Italy

Members accepted and endorsed the formal review committee’s report and its recommendations on the Rome, Italy program. UCIE reviewers discussed the necessity of a study center director at Rome and were in agreement that the program should involve UC faculty. UCIE consultants remarked that there are some programs that absolutely need study center directors and expressed

belief in the need for appropriate academic involvement with programs to ensure quality academic oversight and support for an acting director, including research support.

2008-09 UCIE Formal Review Committees

Members approved Barbados, Hungary, Singapore, and Taiwan to be formally reviewed in the 2008-09 academic year. The following UCIE members volunteered and were appointed for the formal reviews: John Haviland (Barbados); Richard Matthews (Hungary); Vincent Resh (Singapore); and Jianwan Su (Taiwan). Members conveyed to UCEAP Director Michael Cowan the importance of sending UCIE members on site visits for the review teams.

Japan Reorganization Committee

UCIE approved the report from the Japan Reorganization Committee, which recommended eliminating the Tokyo Institute of Technology and Kyoto University programs; monitoring the Keio University program; and retaining partnerships with nine other universities.

Faculty Advisory/Strategy Committees

UCIE continued to monitor program development in Shanghai, India and the Middle East vis-à-vis the strategic faculty advisory committees for Shanghai, India and the Arabic/Islamic world established last year by UOEAP.

Selection of Study Center Directors

At its May meeting, UCIE selected 2009-11 Study Center Directors for EAP study centers in Chile, India, Russia, and Spain (Madrid). UCIE Chair Errol Lobo and UCEAP Acting Executive Director Michael Cowan forwarded the nominations to Provost Rory Hume in June for formal appointment by President Mark Yudof.

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