

**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
Annual Report 2022-23**

TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

Charge of the Committee

According to Academic Senate Bylaw 182, the University Committee on International Education (UCIE) should fulfil the following roles in systemwide governance:

1. Consider and report, in consultation with other Academic Senate committees, on matters of international education and engagement referred to the Committee by the President of the University, the Academic Council, the Assembly, a Divisional or any Senate Committee. (Am 28 May 2003)
 - a. Report to the Academic Council and other agencies of the Senate and confer with and advise the President and agencies of the University Administration on matters concerning international engagement.
 - b. Initiate policy recommendations regarding international engagement programs and the status and welfare of international students and scholars at UC.
 - c. Evaluate and advise on UC's international service learning or experiential learning programs, except programs whose authorization and supervision is performed independently by the campuses.
2. Provide Continuing review of the Education Abroad Program and its policies. (EC 28 May 2003 and 8 June 2023)
 - a. Consult with the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) on future program development, including modification of the programs of existing Study Centers, establishment of new Study Centers, and disestablishment of UCEAP Programs. (Am 28 May 2003)
 - b. Represent the Senate in the selection of Study Center Directors. (Am 28 May 2003)
 - c. Maintain liaison with the Council of Campus Directors. (Am 28 May 2003)
 - d. Advise the UC Education Abroad Program Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director on all matters of international education. (Am 28 May 2003)
 - e. Have the responsibility for the final academic review of new programs after the first three years, and for regular reviews of all programs every ten years or as conditions may require. (En 4 May 89; Am 4 Jun 91; Am 28 May 2003)
 - f. Authorize and supervise all courses and curricula in the UC Education Abroad Program (Am 2 Dec 71; Am 4 May 89; Am 28 May 2003)

New UCEAP Programs Proposed in 2022-23

The Berlin Experience – Approved
KAIST - Approved

Program Review Reports/Reviews

2021-22 10-Year Korea Review – Approved
2021-22 10-Year Ireland Review – Approved

Program Discontinuances/Closures

Contemporary Spain
European Studies, Free University of Berlin

Linear Algebra in Rome
Pacific Islan Environmental and Community Health
Public Health, Thammasat University

Topics of Note During the 2022-23 Year

UCEAP

Prior to the pandemic, UCEAP was slated to send out 6,000 students and welcome in about 1,500. During the pandemic it had a low of 72 students; most of those were students who were in China and were not able to return to the US. At the start of 2022-23, the program anticipated roughly 3,900 outbound, and approximately 1,300 inbound students. In the spring, UCEAP reported that it had 13K applications from students for 2023-24.

In October, UCEAP was in the process of final negotiations with Lyra, which would provide mental health support for students in English in all of the countries in which UCEAP has students. UCEAP had 201 students in Seoul at the time of the [Halloween crush](#), and the program was able to use its live headcount support to ensure all UC students were safe. One student did not check in for many hours, so now UCEAP has made it mandatory that students agree to respond to welfare check calls.

The Executive Director gave an update on the First Year Fall program. The Davis campus reported in November that it was postponing its participation in the program. This precipitated the overall delay of the launch of the program because could not run with just UC Irvine. Now the program will launch in summer 2024 with Davis, Irvine, UCLA, and UCSD. Students will start at their home campuses over the summer and then will go to Spain or Sicily in the fall, returning to campus in the winter. This program is only open to incoming freshmen.

UC faculty have been asking for UCEAP to offer programs in Cairo, but there are concerns about academic freedom and the safety of LGBTQ+ students. Students who go to other areas with similar concerns are given cultural orientations; If UCEAP moves forward with an Egyptian program, a similar orientation would be given. The program is also looking for new partnerships in Southeast Asia and in South America.

A UCEAP donor is offering funding in select locations for extra-curricular trips and experiences for students.

In 2022-23, UCEAP hired a marketing and communications director, and the program will be working with that person to develop campaigns for outreach and major marketing over the next three years. The programs in Australia and Mexico will be emphasized. There will be two academic areas of focus: sustainability and STEM opportunities. Executive Director Nyitray has been talking with many UCEAP partners about initiating or increasing summer research opportunities. UCEAP is also going to work to have better outreach to first generation students and encourage them to see education abroad as an educational option.

At the May meeting, the Executive Director shared that UCEAP is relocating to a new location at UCSB. The new site has two buildings that will provide sufficient office and meeting space. It is removed from the campus but connected, so there will be no confusion with the campus education abroad office.

Executive Director Nyitray reminded the committee that her office has been providing 0.5 FTE support to the campuses for their international education efforts. UCEAP will now be increasing that to 1.0 with a three-year agreement to the campuses. The hope is that this extra staffing will result in roughly a 10

percent increase in program participation.

Also at the May meeting, the Executive Director asked whether UCIE exercised any oversight of academic programs at the Casa de California in Mexico City other than those administered by UCEAP. She referred the committee to ALIANZA, the umbrella organization created from three pre-existing initiatives for UC-Mexico engagement, now operating under the aegis of UCR. She noted that several campus Senior International Officers had asked whether UCEAP was involved in new programming of which they'd become aware. The Committee was not aware, and it was agreed that the Executive Director would provide background information and an update for UCIE's first meeting in fall of 2023.

Early in the year, UCEAP hired two new associate deans: Rachel Jean-Baptiste and Peter Graham. The Associate Deans visited the Riverside, Irvine, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles campuses and met with study abroad center staff and the campus faculty directors; at that time, they planned to visit the northern California campuses in late summer or early fall of 2023. Associate Dean Jean-Baptiste left for a new position in the spring.

Throughout the course of the year, UCEAP staff made presentations about the resources available to campuses and families through UCEAP. Associate Dean Graham discussed the campus course credit abroad database, which allows students to find courses that will apply toward UC and major credit. This helps tremendously with students' ability to plan. He explained that UCEAP is working with the campus registrars to update the information; the database has not been updated since the pandemic. Each campus has a different system. Mr. Graham said that UCEAP also is working on producing DEI videos; the hope is to have a draft video by summer and then a final product ready by the fall. The program is also working to more fulsomely engage parents and student support networks in the consideration of study abroad. UCEAP Analyst Lam shared a slide deck on UCEAP data resources with regard to enrollment, the economic value of education abroad, scholarships and awards, curriculum integration, and program reviews. She shared an email invitation so that members could take advantage and explore the resources.

At the October meeting, the Executive Director explained that student evaluations used to be mandatory. The response rate was always good but as UCEAP's numbers grew, it became difficult to review and redact them. In 2019, the program decided that it needed to shift away from making the evaluations mandatory, and the response rate plummeted. Director Nyitray said that responses were necessary for the UCEAP review. She asked for the committee's input on how to optimize or maximize the response on student evaluations.

Proposed Changes to UCIE Bylaws

In March, Director Abraham explained that the language in the Senate Bylaw governing UCIE was out of date and incorrect. UCEAP suggested some changes to the Bylaw to bring it into alignment with current titles, language, and practice. The committee agreed with the changes, and [sent a letter to Council](#) asking that the updates be made. The changes were made to the Bylaw in June 2023.

Presidential Proclamation 10043

Presidential Proclamation 10043 allows the US Department of State to deny new F or J visa applications or revoke existing visas from Chinese graduate students and researchers who previously studied or conducted research at Chinese universities that support PRC military initiatives or its military-civil fusion strategy. The State Department policy is described as seeking to protect against intellectual espionage and the military application in China of US technologies. The Proclamation was issued in June 2020, and applies to existing and new visas. Initially, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, new visas were largely not being processed. Once the consulates reopened in China, there were concerning reports of this

Proclamation being applied very broadly. Many members of UCIE were concerned that this Proclamation was leading to the profiling of scholars of Chinese and Chinese-American descent.

Last year, UCIE wrote a letter to Council on PP 10043; Council's response to the letter was positive. The letter was forwarded to the President, and meetings were arranged with FGR to try to find ways to address problems brought about by PP 10043.

On January 13, the Chair, Vice Chair, a 2021-22 committee member, and the Council Chair and Vice Chair met with representatives from UC Federal Government Relations and the State Department regarding Presidential Policy 10043. The Chair and the other University representatives expressed their belief that the Proclamation was being too broadly interpreted and was hurting campus recruitment, retention, and research. The State Department members were adamant that the Proclamation needed to be enforced to protect national security. The Biden administration will not be changing the Proclamation.

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