

## UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

**Minutes of Meeting**  
Friday, March 17, 2022

**I. Consent Calendar**

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

**Action Taken:** *The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed 6-0-0.*

**II. Chair's Report**

*Chair Julian Schroeder*

The Chair discussed the meeting he and others had with members of the State Department regarding Presidential Proclamation 10043. The Chair and the other University representatives believe that the Proclamation is being too broadly interpreted and is hurting campus recruitment, retention, and research. The State Department members were adamant that the Proclamation needed to be enforced to protect national security. Following the meeting, Chair Schroeder sent an article from *Nature* about anti-Asian discrimination to the State Department representatives. The Biden administration will not be changing the Proclamation.

**III. Campus Updates**

UCB – The campus education abroad office has the highest spring semester enrollment in over a decade. There are nearly 900 applications for summer and fall, and there has been an uptick in year-long applications. Global internship applications have also rebounded. Faculty-led study abroad programs are doing well.

UCD – The Davis chancellor has a Global Studies for All initiative. The campus now has a well-established Office of Global Affairs, which recently awarded prizes for excellence in teaching and study abroad and international engagement.

UCI – The member will be meeting soon with the new campus director of education abroad. There is discussion about residency requirements relative to online education. Separately, students need to be on-campus their graduation year. There is discussion about students who want to study abroad their senior year.

UCLA – There has been a conversation on campus about trying to integrate UCLA's four different study abroad programs. The local committee is working to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and awareness among the students who participate in study abroad. The campus is working on its new strategic plan in light of the 2028 Olympics and the positioning UCLA as a global institution.

UCM – The campus has new partnerships with some universities in Mexico. It is also trying to start up its first faculty-led student abroad program.

UCR – The committee met with the VP of Academic Personnel and discussed the inclusion of faculty efforts in international education in the advancement/promotion/merit process. The campus has had several meetings with UCEAP staff.

UCSD – The campus has a new Vice Chancellor for Global Initiatives; this is a new position. The VC will have purview on a number of topics, ranging from fundraising for new scholarships, to increasing the participation of students in international programs, to trying to engage faculty more actively in education abroad. The campus is also participating in the new Global Edge pilot program.

UCSF – The member had nothing to report.

UCSB – International students need help navigating the US tax system. It is complex because tax treaties vary from country to country, and different funding sources can be treated differently as well. The campus is hiring a new EAP director and is also engaging in fundraising to establish an International House. UCEAP may be relocating to the campus once its lease is up in two years.

UCSC – The campus has been discussing the new labor contract and what it might mean for the recruitment, enrollment, and retention of international students. Heretofore, the graduate division has paid for the non-resident tuition waiver for international students, which has had a tremendous positive result in the diversification of the graduate student pool. Faculty applications for summer seminars are down.

#### **IV. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership**

*Susan Cochran, Academic Senate Chair*

Senate Chair Cochran told the committee that there had been a Regents' meeting at UCSF, where Senate members presented on transfer matters and discussed the new Cal-GETC. She explained that the University is getting tremendous pressure from Sacramento to enroll students who have completed an ADT, which is a degree meant to align with CSU and not with UC. The Senate is working to explain to the Regents and Sacramento why the ADT is not a good fit for the University. The Senate also is working very closely with SGR trying to craft a proposal for the legislature that is suited to UC.

Chair Cochran said that Assembly passed a requirement for an on-campus experience for students. It requires a minimum of one-year physical presence, which removes the opportunity to have a fully online undergraduate degree. The Assembly put in exceptions for programs that UC does not offer on campus. It will not interfere with UCEAP, UCDC, or the programs UC has with the prison system.

The Senate has a new workgroup that has started on the mission, balance, and priorities for faculty post-pandemic. The Senate and Provost's Office are trying to form a workgroup on graduate education in the wake of the labor agreement. The University is getting a lot of pressure around the CHIPS Act. However, much of the work included in the CHIPS Act is restricted research and UC has a policy on openness in research.

The committee had questions for the Senate leadership and there was discussion.

#### **V. UCEAP Executive Director's Report**

*Vivian-Lee Nyitray, Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director*

UCEAP enrollments are returning to pre-pandemic levels, and it has 13K applications from students for next year. The Executive Director recently returned from a trip to Egypt. 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 First-Year Global Start program will be enrolling students from Davis, Irvine, UCLA, and San Diego in fall 2024.

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

UCEAP has recently hired a marketing and communications director and will be working with that person to develop five foci 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.

The Executive Director addressed the rumor of \$1000 UCEAP contingency insurance fee— it does not exist. The program charges a \$1000 participation fee, \$67 a month for healthcare and evacuation insurance, and another \$7 a month for mental health counseling. All of these costs are incorporated into the student budget.

Lastly, Executive Director Nyitray told the committee about a “Dear Colleague” letter from the US Department of Education. The letter raises concerns about the activities and functions that are performed by outside entities wherein the owner or the individuals providing services are not US citizens. The concern has to do with Title IV federal financial aid programs. The letter says that institutions may be prohibited from contracting with a third-party servicer to administer the institution's participation in student assistance programs. UCEAP is working with UC Legal and other members of the study abroad community to understand the implications for UC and other providers. The guidance is set to take effect September 1. It is unclear if the University will file a separate letter about this guidance or if it will sign on to a letter with other large bodies.

Members had questions for the Executive Director and there was discussion.

## **VI. UCEAP Associate Dean’s Report**

*Peter Graham, UCEAP Associate Dean*

Associate Dean Graham reported that he and Associate Dean Jean-Baptiste visited the Riverside, Irvine, and Los Angeles campuses and met with study abroad center staff and the campus faculty directors; they will be visiting the Santa Barbara campus in April. The Associate Deans are planning to visit the northern California campuses in late summer or early fall. Mr. 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. 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. UCEAP also is working on is producing DEI videos; the hope is to have a draft video by summer and then a final product ready by the fall. Finally, Mr. Graham addressed the concern about the summer physics programs. Traditionally, the program held three courses over eight weeks, and there was some thought that this was not best for students. UCLA did a study and it found that students who do the eight-week program did almost as well as the students who took the courses on-campus at UCLA. UCEAP is going to ask other campuses to do a similar study and see if the results track.

## **VII. UC Online and International Education**

*Ellen Osmundson, Program Director, UC Online*

Program Director Osmundson explained that UC Online is a systemwide program that has provided opportunities at the graduate and undergraduate level for 10 years. She said that there is a possibility for students studying abroad to take courses online. UC Online has offered a

couple of pilot programs wherein courses that are offered at abroad are open to students who are currently in residence in California. The Director shared her screen and demonstrated the cross-campus enrollment site: <https://search.uconline.edu/catalog>.

Members had questions for Ms. Osmundson in relation to residency requirements and the relationship to accreditation requirements regarding contact hours necessary for financial aid.

### **VIII. Proposed Changes to UCIE Bylaws**

Director Abraham explained that the language in the Senate Bylaw governing UCIE is out of date and incorrect. UCEAP suggested some changes to the Bylaw to bring it into alignment with current titles, language, and practice.

**Action Taken:** *The committee voted to send the proposed Bylaw change to Council 11-0-0.*

### **IX. Program Development**

#### **A. The Berlin Experience - First UCIE Review**

Director Abraham reminded the committee that UCEAP had announced at the December meeting that it needed to close the FU-BEST program, which was an English-language program that had allowed students from both the quarter and semester systems to study abroad in Germany. CIEE, a UCEAP partner, now has an open campus in Berlin. Housing is on-campus, there is a high level of support, and there are internships available that are facilitated by CIEE. It will both quarter and semester options. The program is accessible to undergraduates with 2.5 GPA or higher. It is a block system, where students take courses in two or three six-week blocks. There are no summer sessions at this time. UCEAP is considered an important partner of CIEE; in the past, CIEE offered UCEAP an 18 percent discount on programming, but they have now lowered it to five to six percent. Executive Director Nyitray is working with them to reconsider; it is a very expensive program. Director Abraham said she hopes to have an update at the May meeting.

UCEAP proposed that UCIE consider experimenting with voting on a proposal at a single meeting if members were given it one month in advance. Members discussed this option and decided against it.

### **X. Program Reviews**

#### **A. Proposed 2023-24 UCIE Reviews of UCEAP Program and Call for Review Committee Nominations**

UCEAP requested that committee members nominate faculty members to participate in the 2023-24 review committees. Nominations should be sent to Analyst Harms by April 14; they will then be brought to the May UCIE meeting for review and approval.

## **XI. Information Items**

### **A. Program Closures**

- **Linear Algebra in Rome**

UCEAP had worked with directly with UCSD's engineering school to build a study abroad program just for them. However, no one signed up for the program it and it never ran. After the fact, UCEAP found out that students took linear algebra in high school or during their freshman year at UC.

- **Pacific Island Environmental and Community Health**

This was a much-loved program, but it was capped, so it never had large numbers. The University of Queensland lost all of its local contacts in the Solomon Islands in the wake of Covid, so it wanted to close the program for now. Instead, it will offer a Marine Biology program that is already in place.

## **IX. Executive Session**

No minutes are taken during Executive Session.

The committee adjourned at 1:29 p.m.