



UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Minutes of Meeting

Friday, May 15, 2026

I. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Action Taken: *The agenda and minutes were approved with some typographical corrections to the minutes 8-0-0.*

II. Chair's Report

Chair Jennifer Schultens

The Chair remarked that there had been considerable discussion about language learning over the course of the year. She noted that the committee would have a presentation this afternoon from the Global Language Network.

Chair Schultens discussed the upcoming program reviews and also the need for review chairs for Padua and Singapore.

III. UCEAP Director's Report

Dan Waite, UCEAP Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director

The Executive Director asked members about their interest in participating in the Provost's systemwide international education congress and gave an overview of it. He presented a slide deck that featured UCEAP's Strategic Visioning and Planning and said he would provide an update in the fall. He gave an enrollment report; the numbers are looking very strong. That said, UCEAP has seen a higher withdrawal rate, perhaps due to visa issues and global turmoil. However, outbound enrollment is increasing. Summer has increased by 15 percent and fall by 18 percent - this is distributed fairly widely across the campuses. GPA distribution is still strong and there is growth in STEM. Internship and research opportunities abroad are growing, although UCEAP numbers remain quite small in North and South America and Africa. Finally, he asked for topics/questions from the group.

IV. UCEAP Associate Deans' Reports

Peter Graham, UCEAP Associate Dean

David Lopez-Carr, UCEAP Associate Dean

Associate Dean Lopez-Carr discussed the creation of an Africa task force to expand high-quality curriculum-aligned study abroad opportunities across Africa through a faculty-informed process that centers student access, academic priorities, and safety. The work of

the task force resulted in three major outcomes, a ranked portfolio of 11 high-potential programs across Africa, and the identification of health, safety, and strong local staff as essential foundations for successful study abroad programs.

Members had questions and there was discussion.

Associate Dean Graham introduced Yeana Lam who presented a slide deck on language participation through UCEAP.

V. Program Reviews

A. 2025-26 10-Year Hong Kong Review *Guofang Wei, UCSB*

Professor Wei said that Hong Kong has three universities that are all very well established. Most things are taught in English. The program is strong and working very well. It is in a good location. The Chair was initially worried about academic achievement but felt more sanguine after the site visit.

B. 2025-26 Three-Year South Korea Review *Fan Jia, UCM*

Professor Jia remarked that the goal of the review was to evaluate the academic quality and availability of courses and the overall student experience. A major focus of the review is English-language course enrollment. In addition, some students have expressed dissatisfaction with testing and grading. Investigation suggests that this is not due to the lack of quality of the courses, but rather reflects a significant difference in academic culture

C. 2025-26 Three-Year Nordic Countries Review *Johan Walden, UCB*

Professor Walden said that, overall, the programs seem to be working well. The main comments are about increasing supply for in-demand programs also a need to perhaps remove barriers to the University of Iceland; there had been a limitation in students able to go there. The Copenhagen business school was very popular.

D. 2025-26 Three-Year Summer Global Internship Program Review *Aparna Sharma, UCLA*

Professor Sharma noted that the reviewers were very enthusiastic. Students are very attracted to the program because of the work opportunities. She observed that the seminar quality was distinct in different locations, and its purpose and how its relationship to the internship seemed a little bit unclear. Another observation was that this is a great space for exposure to working cultures in different contexts, but there was an inconsistency in terms of how cultural exchange was being enacted .

E. Proposed Committee Nominations for the 2026-27 UCIE Reviews of UCEAP Programs

Director Abraham noted that some of the reviews will be rolled over to next year.

VI. Campus Reports

Members reported on campus issues related to international education.

VII. Consultation with The Global Language Network

Alexandra Stern, UCLA

Kiril Tomoff, UCR

Dean Stern and Associate Dean Tomoff walked members through a PowerPoint regarding the Global Language Network. Members had questions and there was discussion.

VIII. Program Development

Sarah Abraham, UCEAP Director of Academic Development

A. For Second UCIE Review: New Program Proposals:

1. Barcelona Summer Internship
2. Tecnun Summer Engineering Research
3. Costa Rica Summer Sea Turtle Conservation
4. Summer Russian Language

IX. UCEAP Information Items

Sarah Abraham, UCEAP Director of Academic Development

A. Program Changes

Field Research and Internship, Marseille

UCEAP is adding a third location that will offer marine options for research.

Programming is done in French, it is deeply imbedded in the local experience, and it will be comparable in price.

B. New Summer Engineering Research Program at the Tec de Monterrey

Starting next summer, there will be a new research program at the main campus. It will feature a research placement at one of their engineering labs. Students need a 3.0 or higher. The program is fairly affordable, and the costs are 100 percent comprehensive.

C. New Summer Program at the University of Bologna

This is a new approach to accessibility. Tuition is less expensive, and time in-country is down. Students will earn six UC quarter units and thus will meet the financial aid threshold for quarter campuses. However, it is possible that students from semester campuses may not qualify for aid or may need to enroll in a summer campus program in addition to the program in Bologna to do so.

X. Systemwide Information and Items Under Systemwide Review

- Senate Chair Palazoglu's Remarks to the Board of Regents
- Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations and Students (PACAOS) 100.00 and PACAOS-Appendix H

XI. New Business

There was no new business.

XII. Executive Session

A. Action Taken: The Barcelona Summer Internship program was approved 11-0-0

B. Action Taken: The Tecnun Summer Engineering Research program was approved 11-0-0.

C. Action Taken: The Costa Rica Summer Sea Turtle Conservation program was approved 11-0-0.

D. Action Taken: The Summer Russian Language program was approved 7-0-4.
Some members voiced concerns about security.

E. Action Taken: The 2025-26 10-Year Hong Kong Review Report was approved 11-0-0.

F. Action Taken: The 2025-26 Three-Year South Korea Review Report was approved 11-0-0.

G. Action Taken: The 2025-26 Three-Year Nordic Countries Review Report was approved 11-0-0.

H. Action Taken: The 2025-26 Three-Year Summer Global Internship Review Report was approved 11-0-0.