

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Minutes of Meeting

Friday, May 19, 2023

I. Consent Calendar

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Action Taken: *The agenda was approved 9-0-0. The minutes will be approved with changes via email.*

II. Chair's Report*Chair Julian Schroeder*

The Chair reported that this was his last meeting as chair of UCIE. He thanked members for their service.

III. Campus Updates

UCB – There have been a few campus attempts to make a new, stronger language requirement. There is a question if that could be fulfilled by study abroad. The local study abroad office is scaling back somewhat. The campus is also trying to determine how to best serve all students while encouraging participation by non-traditional students.

UCD - The campus is scaling back from offering more “challenging” languages due to students dropping out in the second year. Davis is also having discussions about the having a freshman first quarter abroad. Many local study abroad programs are operating in the red; Davis will not be offering any spring quarter programs. Instead, the campus is looking at offering more summer abroad programs. Davis is also looking at partnering with more third-party vendors for its programming.

UCI - Students often use study abroad as a way to fulfill some language requirements. A new program is allowing students to interact in real time with individuals in other countries. This allows them to fulfill their language requirements without leaving the country. The campus DACA Center, with the department of Chicano and Latino studies, paid to fully fund student research on students' family's original hometowns in Mexico. Students were able to stay in these towns for months; it was a rich study abroad and research experience.

UCLA – EAP enrollments are almost back up to pre-pandemic levels, however the local programs continue to lag slightly. The International Education Office is reaching out to the physics department in the hopes of reinstating the physics abroad series. The global internship program is growing in interest, and the campus is seeing an increase in scholarship donations, which are being prioritized for low-income and first-generation students.

UCM - The campus is planning the development of its first faculty-led programs to Mexico. The campus is very excited about this. Professor Leslie had a good visit with EVP Nyitray when she came to UCM. The campus is looking at the performance of students in summer physics programs in comparison with students who are taking physics on-campus.

UCR – The number of students going abroad is about 70 percent of pre-pandemic levels; the forecast for the year ahead is strong. There is a new staff member in the International Affairs Office who is dedicated to education abroad. They are working on putting together a streamlined process for faculty-led programs. International Affairs hosted its first alumni event in Taipei, with over 130 UCR alumni attending. Newly admitted students were also invited, and it was a great success.

UCSD - The member had nothing to report.

UCSF – The member had nothing to report.

UCSB – The member was not present.

UCSC – The summer faculty-led programs are being scaled back a bit due to staffing problems. Post-pandemic numbers are still low. The campus had a non-resident student tuition remission for international graduate students to try to diversify the graduate programs. It was quite successful. The campus has been working for roughly five years to try to develop an International Center, but so far it has gotten no traction.

IV. UCEAP Executive Director's Report

Vivian-Lee Nyitray, Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director

Executive Director Nyitray shared her screen and discussed her recent presentation to the Regents, entitled “Expanding How and Where UC Happens.” She explained that her session ended up being very compressed due to other presentations that had run over time. That notwithstanding, the Regents were pleased with the presentation and UCEAP was invited to return in two years.

The Executive Director showed a map of where UCEAP has programs across the globe. She explained that UCEAP enrollments experienced a trough during the pandemic, but that the program has had a strong recovery. UCEAP is expecting 5,500 students next year and is planning to reengage with some institutions that it had agreements with in the past. The program is also looking for new partnerships in Southeast Asia and also in South America.

UCEAP is relocating. 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.

Director Abraham interjected with an update on the new Global Start program, which will be launched in summer 2024. Davis, Irvine, San Diego, and Los Angeles are participating. 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. Committee members had some questions about Global Start.

Executive Director Nyitray 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. An invitation to Dr Isabel Studer, ALIANZA's Executive Director, could follow for a subsequent UCIE meeting.

Finally, the Executive Director reported that Associate Dean Jean-Baptiste is leaving for another position and that there is now an associate dean position being advertised for UCEAP.

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

V. UCEAP Associate Deans' Report

Rachel Jean-Baptiste, UCEAP Associate Dean

Dean Jean-Baptiste shared her screen and discussed a new course catalog database. This new database will allow students and advisers to browse the variety of courses that UC students have taken, identify specific departments, and determine how many UC units may be earned. She demonstrated how the database can be used. The Dean said that UCEAP is working on two other efforts to try to increase the diversity of students who study abroad. The program received a grant to create videos that feature diverse students. The program is also working to more fulsomely engage parents and student support networks in the consideration of study abroad.

VI. Program Development

A. The Berlin Experience

Action Requested: Approve New Program in Executive Session

Director Abraham reminded the committee that this was the second time it had seen this proposal. Two questions were raised last time: Are students paid for internships, and does UC still get a discount from CIE. If the internship is fewer than 90 days, students are not paid, but can receive academic credit. With regards to the second question, UC no longer gets its institutional discount; CIE programs will be more expensive going forward.

B. KAIST

Action Requested: Approve New Program in Executive Session

Director Abraham told the committee that this was the first time it had seen this proposal. UCEAP's numbers in South Korea continue to grow and the program needs more partners. UCEAP would like to partner with KAIST, with an initial class of 30 students. KAIST has a "buddy" program for UC students; UC students are also guaranteed housing on campus. There are about 240 English-language courses available.

VII. Program Reviews

A. One-Year Follow-Up to the 2021-22 Ten-Year Botswana and South Africa Review

Director Abraham remarked that it had been one year since UCIE received the program's 10-year report and there were some updates. Cape Town has been included in UCEAP's promotional material, and there is now a pre-departure orientation for Cape Town. There was an uptick in student interest in the program, but that did not result in participants. UCEAP is going to keep an eye on the program and determine if it needs to be closed.

B. One-Year Follow-Up to the 2021-22 Ten-Year Scandinavia Review

Director Abraham said it has also been a year since the Scandinavia 10-year report was filed. The Uppsala University program was closed. However, the Aarhus program remains in place. That said, it only has two applicants set for fall, and none for spring. That partnership might need to be allowed to expire.

C. Proposed Committee Nominations for the 2023-24 UCIE Reviews of UCEAP Programs

The following nominations were brought forward for consideration:

10-Year Czech Republic program review

- Jana Grittersova, UCR Political Science
- Jaimey Fisher, UCD German and Slavic Languages, Film Studies

10-Year Japan program review

- Motohico Mulase, UCD Mathematics
- Allan Christy, UCSC History
- John Kim, UCR Comparative Literature and Language

10-Year Mexico program review

- Patricia Baquedano-López, UCB School of Education
- Laura Pérez, UCB Ethnic Studies
- Christian Paiz, UCB Ethnic Studies
- Rocio Rosales, UCI Sociology
- Matt O'Hara, UCSC History

10-Year Netherlands program review

- Cindy Looy (UCB Integrative Biology)
- Henk Roelink (UCB Molecular and Cell Biology)
- Berend Smit (UCB Chemical Engineering)
- Ivo Duijnste (UCB Integrative Biology)

A. Re-Opening the American University in Cairo Program

The Director explained that this had been a suspended program. It had to close very rapidly in 2011 due to student safety concerns. UCEAP did a very extensive health and safety review and has approval to reopen the program. The university is now in New Cairo and students will be much more contained. The program requires a 2.0 GPA and is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The Executive Director visited the campus and was very impressed with the support offered to students.

B. New Summer Program at the University of Barcelona

Director Abraham said that Spain is very popular right now and UCEAP needs to grow to accommodate the demand. In summer there is a popular program, and it is full. The existing partner has started its own summer program and UCEAP is going to start offering that to UC students. They will be growing the coursework that they offer. Students are interested in learning Spanish over the summer. The courses that are offered in English will probably grow over time.

C. New Summer Engineering Research Program at Carlos III University

Campuses say that their students want more STEM summer opportunities. UCEAP is very hopeful that engineering students will take advantage of this program at a large public university in Madrid. Students can do the research component in Spanish if they like. Many European institutions are growing their English language offerings.

VIII. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

Susan Cochran, Academic Senate Chair

James Steintrager, Academic Senate Vice Chair

Chair Cochran reported that she and the Vice Chair had just had three days of meetings with the Regents; they are getting very involved in how OP is functioning. One Regents' workgroup has been imagining on how the University will look in 2050. There is discussion about how and where UC "happens," including satellite campuses and virtual locations. It calls for a lot of investment in technology and infrastructure, and made five aspirational recommendations. The Regents also had a presentation from UCEAP and were pleased to hear that the program has had good post-pandemic recovery. The presentation also talked about the new first-year abroad program.

The Chair told the committee that Steven Cheung was elected as incoming Senate vice chair at the recent Assembly meeting. Relatedly, Council endorsed the recommendation from the COC on the Mid-Career Leadership Award. This year's awardees are Katheryn Russ (UCD) and Daniel Widener (UCSD). APC has launched a new workgroup on the future of doctoral education. This group will develop guidance on how faculty will mentor students as represented employees and how to distinguish between labor and education.

The Chair and Vice Chair met with a new workgroup on the future of UC doctoral programs. There are administrators and faculty in the group, as well as a graduate student. The workgroup is going to try to determine where UC is going with graduate education in the context of all the changes that have happened on the campuses, including the strike in the fall. There is concern that there are not enough funds on the campuses to support doctoral education as it has existed heretofore. There has been a collapse of graduate admissions for the fall. The reduction in admissions and yield has impacted STEM as much as the humanities and social sciences. That will pose a challenge for the University going forward, especially in terms of the compact with the governor.

Members had questions for the Chair and Vice Chair, and there was discussion.

IX. New Business

There was no new business.

X. Executive Session

- A. **Action Taken:** *The Berlin Experience program proposal was approved 10-0-0.*
- B. **Action Taken:** *The KAIST program proposal was approved 10-0-0, with a request for informal feedback in one year; the program might need to grow.*
- C. **Action Taken:** *The proposed Review Committee Nominations for 2023-24 were approved 10-0-0.*

The committee adjourned at 1:48 p.m.