



UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Minutes of Meeting

Friday, October 18, 2024

In attendance: Michelle Leslie, Chair, Jennifer Schultens, Vice Chair, Baoxia Mi (UCB), John Bolander (UCD), Zuzana Bic (UCI), Marco Giovannini (UCLA), Greg Wright (UCM), Konstantinos Karydis (UCR), Krislert Samphantharak (UCSD), Alan Shindel (UCSF), Christopher Kruegel (UCSB), Vivian-Lee Nyitray, Sarah Abraham, Peter Graham, David Lopez-Carr, Christy Vong, Peter Beihl, Steven Cheung, Ahmet Palazoglu, and Fredye Harms (analyst)

I. Approval of Agenda

Action Taken: *The agenda was approved 9-0-0.*

II. Welcome and Chair's Report

Chair Michelle Leslie

Chair Leslie gave an overview of the role of UCIE. She noted that the UCEAP numbers are looking strong, though they are slightly lower than anticipated. She said this might be due to the FAFSA. She explained that the role of UCIE is to provide faculty oversight for the programs led by UCEAP. She said that UCIE will also be reviewing UC construct programs which are run by third-party providers at international study centers. It is important that these programs have academic oversight in order to make sure that the courses are appropriate for UC students, that students are getting the requirements that they need, and that courses are at the right level of challenge for the students. The Chair said that she and the Vice Chair had attended two UCEAP advisory meetings since the last UCIE meeting in May.

Vice Chair Schultens remarked that she values hearing about important issues that affect study abroad at the UCIE meetings.

III. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

Steven Cheung, Academic Senate Chair

Ahmet Palazoglu, Academic Senate Vice Chair

Academic Senate Chair Cheung informed the group that the Regents had two meetings in September, one was a retreat, and one was a regular meeting. He remarked that the new Board Chair, Janet Reilly, has genuine interest in bringing health care to the Central Valley and Inland empire. Part of the discussion was on UC Health, which now accounts for over half of UC's operating budget and will only be getting larger. Part of it was on AI, which features a Senate workgroup led by former Senate Chair Steintrager. This group will be looking at integration into instruction, academic integrity on demand, tutoring assistance,

intellectual property rights, opportunities to reduce faculty burden in teaching administration and other topics.

The Senate Chair observed that many positions are opening up in the central UC administration. President Drake is retiring, and Chair Cheung has been tasked to empanel the academic advisory committee for his search. That group has been instructed to look at the previous search criteria with the goal of clarifying and adding to those criteria. Chair Cheung observed that the Senate Chair was not invited to sit in on the deliberations of the Special Committee last time, but hopefully that will change this year. There are also chancellor searches at Riverside and Santa Barbara; the President intends to have those positions filled before he steps down.

Chair Cheung noted that the Provost has put together a group to consider the formation of a single academic calendar (semester) for all of the campuses. Currently, UCB and UCM are the only campuses on the semester system. The Provost asserted that the conversion would facilitate transfer for CCC and CSU students and that overall student mental may benefit. Senate Vice Chair Palazoglu will co-chair the committee.

The Senate Chair also discussed a workgroup that had formed in response to questions raised regarding APM 015 and 016. The workgroup needs to determine compliance with SB 108 which requires a comprehensive review of UC system-wide policies relevant to expressive activities. The group is also reviewing a matter brought forward by UCPT regarding simultaneous misconduct and personnel actions. This workgroup is being chaired by Senate Chair Cheung and Interim Vice Provost Douglas Haynes. On a related note, the University is looking for a systemwide Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Programs.

Finally, Chair Cheung shared that he is chairing ICAS (the Intersegmental Committee on Academic Senates) this year, and it will be working on a lot of issues raised by the state legislature. The Senate is also serving on the search committee for the AVP of UCEAP.

IV. Campus Reports

Members reported on matters related to international education on their campuses.

V. Topics of Interest Regarding International Students

Peter Biehl, UCSC Dean of Graduate Studies

- The future of international graduate students in the context of Project 2025
- International student health and wellbeing (including mental health)

Dean Biehl introduced himself and said that he is very concerned about the future of graduate international education. He said that the University needs to be strategic about its thinking with regard to Project 2025. He noted that international students have difficulty taking medical leave, particularly for mental health. He also observed that UC students are living in an age of surveillance in the time of protests. Adding to this is the difficulty international students are having with VISA regulations. Dean Biehl mentioned the [Chevron ruling](#) by the Supreme Court and the impact it may have on international graduate

students. He explained that he would also be reaching out to the campus SIOs about this issue. Members had some questions and there was discussion.

VI. UCEAP Director's Report

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

The Executive Director introduced herself. She remarked that UCEAP had hoped to cross the 6,000 mark for student enrollment this year, but that enrollments are falling a little short because of the FAFSA debacle. She told the group that UCEAP does not have faculty-led programs because it is felt that those are better handled by the campuses. STEM programming accounts for about 24 percent of UCEAP's offerings. Executive Director Nyitray explained that freshman students from UCI and UCLA are in Sicily as part of UCEAP's Global Start Program. The Executive Director shared that Provost Newman is a strong proponent of study abroad, however raising campus awareness is a continual challenge. Her office participates in the UC Academic Advisors Conference, which helps get the word out to students so that they can plan their schedules. UCEAP is in a good financial state, with a positive balance of \$12M. The Executive Director said that programming in Israel was cancelled immediately after October 7, 2023. UCEAP still has students in Egypt and Jordan and is keeping a close eye on the region. Because no programming is currently being offered in Russia, UCEAP is looking at possibly forming a partnership with the American University of Armenia to offer Russian language. Finally, Executive Director Nyitray announced that she is retiring in June, after nine and a half years with UCEAP.

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

VII. UCEAP Associate Deans' Reports

Peter Graham, UCEAP Associate Dean

David Lopez-Carr, UCEAP Associate Dean

Associate Dean Graham discussed the Summer Physics program that is being held in Glasgow, Sussex, and Dublin. The program was originally created so that students could take all classes in eight weeks, and it was hugely popular. However, a review held before the pandemic indicated that the program was too condensed, and it was cancelled. However, UCEAP is now looking at reinstating the program at three sites in the UK.

Associate Dean Lopez-Carr discussed the efforts for UCEAP to start offering Russian language. He said that UCEAP has been contacted by American Councils, which is a third-party provider that runs Russian language programs in Armenia, Estonia, Georgia, and Kazakhstan. American Councils staff will be visiting UCEAP in November.

Members had some questions for the Associate Deans.

VIII. Overview of UCEAP Research Tools for UCIE

Yeana Lam, UCEAP Senior Research Analyst

Analyst Lam explained that she is part of a four-person team that handles institutional research for UCEAP. She also has partnered with campus faculty and now has a grant to

make UCEAP resources more accessible. She shared her screen and walked the committee through screens that showed enrollment by campus, historical enrollment, enrollment by country, by program, and cost/value. She explained that there are occasions when study abroad is more economical than attending UC in California. She also discussed the Academic Integration (AI) grants that allow campuses the funding to create their own databases of courses that are pre-approved to count for department requirements.

Analyst Lam said that she would be sending a Microsoft Teams invitation to members that would allow them to access the information.

IX. Program Reviews

Sarah Abraham, UCEAP Director of Academic Development

- A. One-Year Follow-Up Report for the 2022-23 10-Year UK Review
- B. One-Year Follow-Up Report for the 2022-23 10-Year Italy Review
- C. One-Year Follow-Up Report for the 2022-23 10-Year Costa Rica Review

Director Abraham explained that every 10 years existing programs get reviewed; new programs get reviewed in 3 years. She went over the review reports with the committee. This year, UCEAP will be reviewing the programs in France and Ghana.

X. UCEAP Information Items

Sarah Abraham, UCEAP Director of Academic Development

- A. Program Closures
 - 1. Italian in Florence
 - 2. French in Paris.
- B. New Summer Programs:
 - 1. Summer Global Internship, Tokyo
 - 2. Summer at University of Sidney
- C. UC-Construct Syllabus Vetting Efforts in Summer 2024

Director Abraham explained that during the summer, several new syllabi for UC-construct programs were vetted by UC faculty. UCEAP collected the feedback and sent it to Accent, which is the program's partner in these custom programs. Those instructors are updating the syllabi currently. Chair Leslie asked that UCEAP submit a summary of the vetting results to UCIE for its information.

 - 1. Made in Italy, Rome
 - 2. Environmental Science in Sicily
 - 3. Food, History, and Culture in Paris
 - 4. Made in Italy, Florence
- D. UCIE Representatives for the 2024-25 Program Reviews

XI. Overview of Committee Function and Expectations

Chair Michelle Leslie

The Chair opened the floor for questions. Members weighed in with some observations about how international education is handled on their campuses and the role of divisional CIEs.

XII. Systemwide Information and Items Under Systemwide Review

- A. Report on the State of Shared Governance at the University of California 2023-24
- B. Senate Chair Cheung's Remarks to the Board of Regents
- C. Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulation 479 (CalGETC)
- D. Proposed Senate Regulation 627 (Posthumous Awarding of Degrees)

XIII. New Business

There was no new business.

XIV. Executive Session

Action Taken:

***Marco Giovannini was appointed as the UCIE representative for the France review.
John Bolander has tentatively agreed to serve as the UCIE representative to the Ghana review.***

The committee adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

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Attest: Michelle Leslie, Committee Chair