

## UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

**Minutes of Meeting**

Friday, October 19, 2018

Attending in Person: Michael Lazzara (Chair), Julian Schroeder (Vice Chair), Richard Kern (UCB), Kathleen Stuart (UCD), Zuzana Bic (UCI), Lothar Von Falkenhausen (UCLA), Leslie Michelle (UCM), Nicole Zur Nieden (UCR), Hyunsun Kim (UCSD), Kum-Kum Bhavnani (Academic Senate Vice Chair), Vivian-Lee Nyitray (UCEAP Executive Director), Fredye Harms (UCIE Analyst)

Attending via Videoconference: Sathya Guruswamy (UCSB), Jeremy Hourigan (UCSC), Jonathan Phenix (Student Representative), Sarah Abraham (UCEAP), Hsiu-Zu Ho (UCEAP),

**I. Consent Calendar**

Approval of the Agenda

**Action Taken:** *The agenda was approved 10-0-0 with small changes.*

**II. Welcome, Logistics, and Introductions**

The committee members introduced themselves. The Chair noted that the UCIE Bylaw had been updated to allow the committee a more active role in shared governance. He also stressed that members should make every attempt to attend the meetings in-person.

**III. Chair's Report – Chair Michael Lazzara**

The Chair thanked the committee members for reviewing and commenting on the UC Mexico consolidation documents prior to the first meeting. The review was given a very condensed timeline and he expressed his appreciation to the members for their willingness to contribute with such short notice. The Council has responded to the Provost with the input of the various committees. The end result closely reflected what UCIE had recommended.

**IV. UCEAP Director's Report – Director Vivian-Lee Nyitray**

The Director observed that the Huron report settled on UCEAP as a bit of “low hanging fruit” that could be easily changed. The efforts to get UCEAP off the OP books was painful and did not involve any consultation. She noted that UCEAP has a charter now, where it did not have one before. In addition, it formerly had a governing committee which has now become an advisory committee. UCEAP is completely self-sustaining through tuition and fees except for a small pass-through from OP, and its funds are completely sequestered from the Santa Barbara campus; in most ways, the shift has been invisible.

The Director told the committee that UCEAP has more than 400 programs in 43 countries; about half of the programs are STEM-related. She showed members materials about enrollments and demographics for the campuses and also gave some quick operational updates. She stated that since she has become Director, she closely focused on strengthening UCEAP's connection with its campus partners. She is trying to look for ways that UC can use the power of the 10 campuses to leverage finances for everyone's benefit. Spring enrollments are not finished, but UCEAP expects about 5900 students. The program's ultimate goal is 10K. UCEAP built a pre-application portal that opened a week ago, and it had a huge number of applications.

The Director noted a couple of discussion goals for this year: 1) UCEAP is focusing on helping to provide relief for impacted courses and majors on the campuses. She requested the committee's assistance in thinking about how to develop programs that can provide this relief. 2) UCEAP is currently thinking about its "place" or function vis-à-vis the campuses. How should UCEAP think about its role and how should campus-based programs think about their role?

**V. UCEAP Associate Dean's Report – Associate Dean Hsiu-Zu Ho**

The Associate Dean gave a PowerPoint report on UCEAP data and demographics and some new applications. The presentation showed UCEAP's top outbound countries and top inbound countries. The program has over 110K outbound alumni and 36K inbound alumni, and the gender imbalance has not changed much.

UCEAP's call for proposals has gone to UCIE members and the campuses. It has awarded grants for four years across a range of disciplines. The deadline for this year is November 28. The program website now shows past deliverables to help applicants get ideas.

One of UCEAP's AI initiatives is compiling a data base that can help students, advisors, and faculty see which courses taken abroad have been awarded credit toward major, minor, and GE requirements; the Associate Dean has been working on this project for four years with the registrars. Originally it was available only to faculty and staff; now it is available for students. UCIE was instrumental in supporting that effort.

**VI. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership**

*Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Academic Council Vice Chair*

The Vice Chair made the members aware of two changes in terms of health and welfare benefits. One was regarding gender partner equity in survivor benefits and the other was a change to active service modified duty (parental duty). It used to be two semester or two quarters, and now it is three quarters.

Professor Bhavnani stated that most of the members likely had heard something about the represented Librarians and academic freedom. The librarian union has said it will not accept APM 010 and 015 as a qualifier for academic freedom. The issue not negotiable. Unit 18 Lecturers have it, but they have accepted 010 and 015. She went on to say that the Librarians have the strong support of the Senate, but have rejected 010 and 015 at the bargaining table. The union is trying to portray the University and the Senate as being against the Librarians. This is a really important issue for the Senate. The University Librarians released a statement absolutely supporting the Senate's view.

The President has issued a challenge to the Senate to make sure that – by fall 2019 - it will be possible for people to transfer into the UC easily with the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG). Six campuses have the agreement now; the Transfer Working Group is looking at this.

The Senate has been asked by the President to look at standardized testing. The decision to take GREs is an issue that departments make on the campuses, and some are turning away from them. If UC decides to do away with the SAT it would have an incredible impact on the national educational scene. There are two areas – professional grad student testing and undergraduate SAT testing. Grad admissions lies with the departments and undergrad is with the University.

The Legislature has passed the Native American Graves Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), which states that objects and remains that have been collected should be returned to the appropriate cultural groups. Berkeley has the second largest collection of such objects after the Smithsonian. The Legislature has insisted that UC

has to do something about it and wanted to dictate how it should happen; the President has written back saying UC will handle it. A task force is going to determine next steps.

## VII. Program Reviews

- A. One-Year Follow-Up Report for 2016-17 Thailand Ten-Year Review  
UCEAP added a new requirement to the program based on the recommendation of the committee – it looks like it has impacted enrollment numbers – they have dropped. This is the first year they have seen this enrollment shift; it may change in years to come.
- B. Follow-Up Report for the 2016-17 Czech Republic Three-Year Review  
This normally does not require follow up, but UCIE requested it. The Chair noted that it was very satisfactory letter and that the program is looking very strong.
- C. Follow-Up Report for the 2017-18 Argentina Three-Year Review  
UCIE asked for this program to look at aligning content with existing UC courses. That project is underway and UCEAP is hoping it will help with articulation.
- D. 2017-18 Dominican Republic Three-Year Review  
The reviewer was not present; this report is deferred to December.
- E. 2017-18 Taiwan Three-Year Review  
*Michelle Leslie discussed the review report.*

This is a three-year report on National Taiwan University. The program is mostly in STEM and it was determined that the research program is comparable to UC programs. For applicants, GPA is a factor in addition to lab research. Students who come into this need a 2.85 – most come in with a 3.0. There is also a two-unit course called Exploring Taiwan – is this unique and helpful for UC students?

**Action Taken: The report was approved 10-0-0 in Executive Session.**

- F. 2017-18 Ireland Three-Year Review  
*Sathya Guruswamy discussed the review report.*

This was established in 2014 and this is its first review; there are spring and fall semester programs. There are three upper-division classes. The syllabi were not as detailed as they are at UC, but they did give a good sense of the program. It is difficult to evaluate if they satisfy UC GE breadth requirements, but it seems they do and they may contribute to some major requirements. Students completed evaluations of the program and over 2/3 felt that they were prepared by the classes. Furthermore, the internships provided a valuable opportunity for them. There is not enough information about housing before arriving.

**Action Taken: The report was approved 10-0-0 in Executive Session.**

- G. 2017-18 Brazil and Chile Ten-Year Review  
*Michael Lazzara discussed the review report.*

There were five members on the committee, and two conducted site visits. Items in the news (the Zika virus, yellow fever, crime) resulted in declining enrollments, among other factors. UCEAP might need better marketing materials for this program and needs to reach out to students earlier in their academic careers. Student start the program I homestays for the ILP and then have the choice to stay in the homestay or find other housing. UCEAP and the committee believe that homestays are ideal for a

deeper cultural immersion but understand that students may prefer other housing arrangements that offer more independence.

**Action Taken:** *The report was approved 10-0-0 in Executive Session.*

### **VIII. Information Items**

#### **A. Program Closures and Updates**

The Mediterranean Food Science and Diet program never ran due to an insufficient number of applicants. The program was meant to be a science-focused complement to the Mediterranean Food, Politics, and Culture program.

UCEAP decided to go back to its original decision to close exchanges with the Chelsea, Camberwell, and Wimbledon colleges of UAL but keep open the exchange program with its London College of Communication.

There was an administrative restructuring at the University of the Arts in London that put in place an administrator who has experience with exchange programs, so the regional director is giving the program another try.

#### **B. The UCIE representative for this year's program reviews are as follows:**

- 10-Year Barbados Review – Michelle Leslie
- 10-Year Singapore Review- Sathya Guruswamy
- 3-Year France Review – Kathleen Stuart
- 3-Year Spain Review – Richard Kern
- 3-Year Switzerland Review – Nicole Zur Nieden

### **IX. Executive Session**

No minutes are taken during Executive Session.

### **X. New Business**

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 3:11.