

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Minutes of Meeting

Friday, December 16, 2022

I. Consent Calendar

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Action Taken: *The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed 9-0-0.***II. Chair's Report***Chair Julian Schroeder*

The Chair remarked that he, the Vice Chair, and a previous member will be meeting with representatives from UC Federal Government Relations and the State Department regarding Presidential Policy 10043, which is making it difficult for Chinese students and post-docs to work in the US. The proclamation also has also had a discouraging effect on students from other countries.

III. Campus Updates

UCB – The member was not present.

UCD – Approximately 170 students are studying abroad. The Executive Council just approved Davis' participation in the UCEAP First Year program.

UCI – The campus ended the Subcommittee on International Education due to a shortage of active members. The CIE will be meeting soon.

UCLA – The member shared his screen showing the number of number of students participating in international education. He said that the campus has an implementation planning group for the UCLA strategic plan, one component of which is global outreach and international education. The CIE will have a voice in defining and ranking the priorities.

UCR – The CIE is bringing in the Vice Provost of Academic Personnel to discuss faculty engagement with various international initiatives. It is also looking to expand its membership with one or two additional senate faculty.

UCSD – The campus study abroad programs are getting back to pre-pandemic enrollments. The campus approved four new agreements with the Universities from Italy, Germany, Denmark, and South Korea. It also approved a report that provided several recommendations on how to build new international initiatives and enhance existing efforts. A new Vice Chancellor for Global Initiatives was appointed last month.

UCSF – The member had nothing major to report.

UCSB – There has been some discussion about the Office of International Students and Scholars which works with the State Department to get visas and address various reporting requirements. It also has an arm wherein it hosts events to integrate international students. Sometimes the students are confused by the dual role. The CIE is working to help clarify things for students.

UCSC - The campus reviewed the global seminars that happened this past summer; that practice had been suspended because of Covid. Separately, about 25 chairs wrote a letter to global engagement complaining about the delay and the distribution of relocation stipends and fellowships for international students. Finally, the campus is having problems staffing Senate committees.

IV. UCEAP Executive Director's Report

Vivian-Lee Nyitray, Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director

The Executive Director observed that campus programs give families a greater sense of security since they are locally based. This is particularly true if campus faculty lead the program. In the past, there were occasions where campus study abroad programs felt as if they were competing with UCEAP, however, there are plenty of students for both types of programs to flourish. These programs appeal to a variety of students in different times in their academic careers. Campuses now direct students to UCEAP programs and UCEAP likewise directs students to campus opportunities. Her office also started meeting with staff on the campuses, and it has been agreed that they would have a separate meeting quarterly to advise each other of program developments so that they do not end up inadvertently colliding. These are all positive developments that have happened in the past couple of years.

UCEAP is on track to have slightly more than 3700 students outbound during this academic year. In October, Ms. Nyitray's office was in the process of final negotiations with Lyra, which will provide mental health support for students in English in all of the countries in which UCEAP has students. UCEAP had 201 students in Seoul at the time of the Halloween crush, and the program was able to use its live headcount support to ensure all UC students were safe. One student did not check in for many hours, so now UCEAP has made it mandatory that students agree to respond to welfare check calls. Because the counseling service was implemented late this year, it could not be factored into the student budget. OP was able to cover the cost for this year; going forward, it will be figured into the students' budget.

The Executive director gave an update on the First Year Fall program. Davis said in November that it was postponing its participation in the program. This precipitated the overall delay of the launch of the program because could not run with just UC Irvine. Now the program will launch in summer 2024 with Davis, Irvine, UCLA, and UCSD.

UCEAP staff will be visiting Santa Barbara, Riverside, and UCLA in January and will be at the other campuses in the spring. Executive Director Nyitray said that her office would welcome invitations to meet with campus CIE and other faculty.

The Executive Director revisited a question from last time regarding campuses not giving credit for foreign languages taken overseas if the language is not taught on the home campus. She clarified that the student would get general UC credit for the class, but would not get foreign language requirement credit.

The committee had questions for the Executive Director and there was discussion.

V. Information Item

A. Program Closures

- Public Health, Thammasat University

This is a summer program that succumbed to Covid. Thammasat University is no longer able to offer it. That said, southeast Asia is expected to be a point of interest for students in the future.

VI. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

Susan Cochran, Academic Senate Chair

James Steintrager, Academic Senate Vice Chair

The Senate Chair told the committee that she had attended the second meeting of the AB 928 Committee which is working to simplify community college transfer to UC and CSU. The committee has three working groups: one is to compile data, one is to work on recommendations for the community colleges to create associate degrees for transfer that include up to six additional units to facilitate STEM pathways, and a third subcommittee will develop communication approaches to describe the recommendations that are developed.

Assembly approved the new SR 479 that creates the Cal-GETC curriculum; it is now moving to ICAS. President Drake spent an hour bringing members up to date on the strike and his views on the path forward. Council also met; most of the meeting was about the strike. Similarly, there was a Regents' meeting that was disrupted by striking workers. Despite the disruption, the Regents decided to allow UCLA to move to the Big Ten. They also put a mandate on UCLA to support student athletic needs at Berkeley with some of the monies that are coming from their new contract with the Big Ten. This puts in place a new principle at UC: if a campus does something that creates harm to another campus, they must share profits of this action with the other campus.

Chair Cochran gave updates on the status of the strike. The University and the UAW are in mediation. There has been news today that there has been some progress. There is disagreement between UAW and its committees on the campuses regarding what is on the table and what has been offered. The UAW needs to shop agreements to its members, and it was having trouble with that. The mediation will likely be quick. If it doesn't work, then the UC can file with PERB that it is at an impasse. There is an issue with federal grants and other funders; the University cannot charge them for work that is not done. At some point, PIs will have to sign effort report forms. This will be very complicated because faculty have been told not to ask if their GSRs are working. The administration is working on attestation forms. They will be going out to TAs, GSRs, and the faculty.

Members had questions for the Senate Leadership.

IX. New Business

There was no new business.

The committee adjourned at 12:47 p.m.