

**CSULB International Education Committee (IEC)
Standing Committee of the Academic Senate**

Friday, March 5, 2010—11:30AM to 1:30PM

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Minutes #6

Present: Shuhua An (Education), Hamdi Bilici (Business Administration), Ken Curtis (Center for International Education), Marilei Denila (Associated Students), Simon George (Int'l Community Council), Rebecca Groff (Student Athlete Services), Mike Hostetler (Student Services), Nathan Jensen (Center for International Education), Yu Ji (The Arts), Jeet Joshee (CCPE), Tom Kelty (Natural Sciences/Mathematics), Leslie Kennedy (Academic Technology), Caroline Lusby (Recreation and Leisure), Richard Marcus (International Studies), Catherine Martin-Dunlop (Natural Sciences/Mathematics), Betsy McEaney (Liberal Arts), Austin Metoyer (Associated Students), Sharon Olson (Education Abroad/GLOBE), Raul Reis (ACIP), Lynne Richmond (CCPE), José Rivera-Chang (At-Large, Design), Shadi Saadeh (Engineering), Sherry Vatter (At-Large, History), and Vlatka Velcic (Chair, Liberal Arts).

Absent Voting Members: Terre Allen (FCPD), David Anglin (At-Large Music), Juan Benitez (Center for Community Engagement), Michael Blazey (Liberal Arts), Eileen Bosch (Library), Elson Browne (Housing/Residential Life), Chris Druzgalski (Engineering), Craig Fleming (At-Large Theatre Arts), Rich Haesley (Liberal Arts), Teresa Hagen-Crowder (Staff Council/Univ Relations), Elaine Haglund (Resource Development), Jennie Hurley (President's Scholars), Robin Lee (Career Development Center), Nilufer Medora (Health/Human Services), Aparna Nayak-Guercio (RGRLL), Laura Portnoi (Education), Carlos Silveira (The Arts), Edward Smith (Business Admin.), Emyr Williams (Study Abroad Subcommittee).

Guests: Casey Burkhard (International Students Association)

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m.

I. Introduction

- A. The meeting agenda was approved.
- B. Minutes # 5, February, 2010 were approved.

II. Announcements/Reports

- A. Global Engagement: Ken Curtis
 - Ken Curtis updated the committee on Elaine Haglund's current work and living experiences in Nepal.
 - During the Provost search process, Ken mentioned there would be open forums for the campus community, and he encouraged the IEC members to attend. He reminded the committee that the Provost leadership is important for internationalizing education, and it would be ideal if questions regarding their interest and support of international programs and initiatives were posed to that the candidates.
 - Since the last meeting, CSULB hosted a visit from the minister of education in Baden-Württemberg. Germany. The meeting focused on reaffirming a relationship with the CSU. The German delegation was interested in supporting green technologies

throughout the campus and learning more about the CSULB German department because of its outstanding reputation. Ken mentioned that the Vietnamese ambassador will meet with President Alexander and Hamdi. Bilici (CBA) regarding the Vietnam project before our next meeting in April.

- A recent point of conversation has been how a university assesses global competence in the 21st century student. Ken mentioned that Betsy McEneaney's IEC sub-group has been researching a general education measurement instrument. He recommended the IEC invite Gary Hittrick to share guidelines of the research that is being developed. The internationalizing courses sub-group has begun gathering information and creating a database of instructors on campus who have been using technology to create student to student international contact. Ken mentioned that the University of Cincinnati has created a tracking software called UCosmic . They have plans to release it as open source software, and hopefully we can take advantage of it.
- Although CSULB does not have a formal membership in the national Phi Beta Kappa organization any longer, the honorary had recently contacted Ken because they are interested hosting its 25th anniversary conference at CSULB next year. Ken stated the organization would take care of the conference program, and the conference host would be responsible for setting up tours of the area. Raul Reis inquired as to how much work would be involved in hosting the conference. He was sorry that the CSULB chapter had been disbanded and wanted to know what would be involved in resuscitating the chapter. In order to consider activating the chapter at CSULB, Ken stated that CSULB would need a core group committed to reviewing the bylaws, looking for best practices, and researching what other chapters are doing. He stated the organization is for both faculty, staff, and students; therefore, it needs input from constituents representing each of these groups. Sharon Olson stated there was once a Phi Beta Kappa chapter at CSULB, so there needs to be a group of officers to organize and elect members and sponsor at least one event per year such as a banquet. Nathan Jensen stated that the purpose and goals of the organization makes it a unique organization. The discussion ended without formal action.
- Richard Marcus initiated discussion on the best practices of tracking individuals using technology to internationalize their courses on campus. He speculated that we need to assist with facilitating that interaction, and we might use direct exchanges to create opportunities for that technology. Part of the local research could be determining what and if there is a cost in the classroom. How do we collect that data of who is doing it? Maybe we could use the UCosmic software to collect information and make it a faculty development priority which would be helpful. Sherry Vatter stated that the internationalizing courses sub-group is formalizing this issue. Ken Curtis suggested a possible faculty development workshop and proposed meeting with Terre Allen, Director, Faculty Development Center. From the perspective of recognizing faculty for their efforts in internationalizing their classrooms, there was some discussion about recognizing individuals at the fall reception which already recognizes the CSULB

Fulbright scholars. This would provide faculty an opportunity to talk about their projects, and they would benefit from the documentation of the effort which could be included in internal publications such as *Inside CSULB* or the Provost's weekly message.

B. Center for International Education: Nathan Jensen

- Nathan Jensen reported that the spring 2010 international student enrollment was positive, and that he had met with Vice Provost David Dowell to discuss increasing international student yields for the fall. There are approximately 1,200 students currently enrolled. Nathan pointed out that since there are international students on campus who are on a myriad of visas, there is a need to work with Institutional Research and Enrollment Services to identify these individuals and reach out to them. He speculated that more than 500 students are not recognized as international students. Nathan referred to a new CSU initiative which could assist in reaching the goal of enrolling 1,500 international students. He recognized that there are challenges of actively recruiting international students when the university is reducing general enrollment.

C. Study Abroad – Sharon Olson

- Sharon Olson thanked those who participated in the IP interviews which included 45 students. The results and report have been sent to the Chancellor's Office.
- Sharon's office has been concentrating on recruiting for direct exchanges. She noted that students are still interested in attending programs where we have strong partnerships. Some of these partnerships include tuition deferment plans. Such programs are in Cyprus, Switzerland, China, Taiwan, and Germany.
- Summer study abroad enrollments were not growing as expected, and there was a possibility that some courses will be cancelled. CCPE and the Alumni Association will assist with getting people involved.
- The Study Abroad Expo is scheduled for March 17, and it will include vendors who provide short term international programs.
- Sharon wondered about the impact of the cancellation of Univ. 100 courses this year because previously the curriculum provided an opportunity to plant seeds regarding studying abroad. Sherry Vatter suggested presenting the information that was in the Univ. 100 curriculum to the foundation 100 classes. Rebecca Groff suggested that University Outreach include a flier in their folders of their welcome packet. Mike Hostetler said they were building their packets right now, and he recommended a one page flier for their packet which would go to freshmen parents. Ken stated that we have the richest summer offerings for the state of CA, and we should think beyond our campus to notify all the CSUs of our summer programs so that students throughout the CSU could consider participating.

III. New Business

A. Linkage with Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

- The linkage subcommittee presented a proposal to create a new agreement for international educational cooperation with an institution abroad – the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.
- Shuhua An inquired about the process in creating these international agreements because she had proposed a linkage last fall, and it had been rejected by the subcommittee even though she had support from her department and had met with the subcommittee to review the details several times. Discussion ensued regarding the current evaluation and selection process. Ken Curtis and Hamdi Bilici agreed that the process and university priorities need to be clearly communicated to everyone involved in the future. The first reading for the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid linkage was approved. The discussion included the program's pros and cons. Then a motion was approved for the linkage recommendation to be submitted to the president.
- Rich Haesly was nominated and approved to serve on the linkage subcommittee.

IV. Announcements

- A. Jeet Joshee announced that CCPE has a new international training program's division. President Alexander and Interim Provost Para are interested in growing a summer institute for ESL which will reside at the new Residential Learning College (RLC).
- B. Jeet Joshee also mentioned that one of the students in their ALI program was a gold medalist in gymnastics in Beijing.
- C. Casey Burkhard from the International Students Association announced that they were organizing a benefit for Haiti earthquake victims on April 9 in the Soroptomist House. There was going to be an additional benefit at a café in Long Beach which would donate 50% of its proceeds on the upcoming weekend to the Haiti fundraising benefit as well, and everyone was encouraged to eat at the cafe.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

These minutes have not yet been approved. Recorder, Leslie Kennedy