

International Education Committee (IEC)

Minutes

Friday, October 2, 2009

Chair: Vlatka Velcic

Recorder: Leslie Kennedy

Present: Shuhua An (Education), Devin Benavidez (ASI), Hamdi Bilici (Business Administration), Ken Curtis (Center for International Education), Chris Druzgalski (Engineering), Rich Haesley (Liberal Arts), Teresa Hagen-Crowder (Staff Council/Univ Relations), Elaine Haglund (Resource Development), Yu Ji (The Arts), Jeet Joshee (CCPE), Barbara Jonckheere (CCPE), Tom Kelty (Natural Sciences/Mathematics), Leslie Kennedy (Instructional Technology), Catherine Martin-Dunlap (Natural Sciences/Mathematics), Sharon Olson (Education Abroad/GLOBE), Laura Portnoi (Education), Raul Reis (ACIP), Lynne Richmond (CCPE), José Rivera-Chang (At-Large, Design), Shadi Saadeh (Engineering), Carlos Silveira (The Arts), Sherry Vatter (At-Large, History), Vlatka Velcic (Chair, Liberal Arts), Emyr Williams (Study Abroad Subcommittee).

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), Craig Fleming (At-Large Theatre Arts), Simon George (Int'l Community Council), Rebecca Groff (Student Athlete Services), Mike Hostetler (Student Services), Jennie Hurley (President's Scholars), Nathan Jensen (Center for International Education), Robin Lee (Career Development Center), Betsy McEneaney (Liberal Arts), Nilufer Medora (Health/Human Services), Edward Smith (Business Admin.),

Guests: David Englin (International Student Studies Association)

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.

I. Introduction

- A. Agenda was approved.
- B. Minutes #9, May 2009 and Minutes #1, September 2009 were approved.

II. Special Orders: Dr. Don Gardner, Associate Vice President, Office of Academic Technology

Dr. Gardner provided an overview of the Office of Academic Technology (OAT) which was established approximately two years ago by Provost Gould. He stated that it serves the university in various capacities. From the international perspective, OAT assists in connecting faculty electronically while they are abroad or international students are on campus. A myriad of electronic tools such as web conferencing (Elluminate), wikis (Wikispaces), podcasting (iTunes U), virtual worlds (Second Life), and smart phones (Apple iPhone) support our campus and study abroad programs. To illustrate how technology intertwines the international experience, Dr. Gardner showed a YouTube video created by a Slovenian choir singing in English.

At the end of his presentation, several questions were posed to him. Chris Druzgalski asked how software licensed by the university is distributed and/or accessible on campus. Dr. Gardner mentioned the Software Depot where anyone with a CSULB ID/password can download software such as SPSS, etc. He mentioned that the campus would soon license Adobe Acrobat Pro in order to assist with making instructional materials more accessible. In order to expand access to academic technology, Dr. Gardner is developing a web site called

Technology at the Beach which will aggregate many resources such as software and information on technical support and training in one location. Elaine Haglund was interested to know how the university is connecting with external resources such as MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching) and if the office of academic technology had established a five-year plan. Dr. Gardner assured her there is a plan and that we have a relationship with MERLOT since it is tied closely with Gerry Hanley at the Chancellor's Office.

Concern for the limited email space available to faculty was voiced. Dr. Gardner said that a task force is working to establish a common email system providing larger capacity for students, which will later include faculty and staff. There was some discussion regarding multimedia and making it accessible for users with special needs. It was understood that making video accessible is expensive thus inhibiting the use of it. Dr. Gardner mentioned that the Chancellor's Office was releasing a revised coded memorandum revising the deadline for compliance to 2012.

III. Announcements / Reports

A. Global Engagement – Ken Curtis

Ken summarized recent events in the Center for International Education (CIE). Daniel Yoder left the university to work for Aramco, and his vacated position cannot be replaced because of the budget issues/hiring freeze. Nathan Jensen and others are sharing the responsibilities at this time.

The Studio Abroad software is being implemented in a phased approach because of its complicated software and technical challenges. The software product provides a myriad of functionality such as tracking of applicants in the study abroad programs, student interactivity, program tracking, logging internships abroad and trends evaluation. CSULB is the only CSU campus implementing it so far, and there is a possibility of a summer launch for the first phase of the software deployment.

B. Center for International Education – Ken Curtis

Ken reported that he and the President Alexander had recently met with the Mexican Counsel General, and there could possibly be a meeting with high-level visitors from Cambodia in the spring.

Hamdi Belici reported that he has been working with the National Economics University in Hanoi on curriculum taught in English. There are visiting professors on campus who are reviewing such curriculum until the end of November. He also announced that there will be a guest lecturer from China available for consultation, too. Catherine Martin announced that there would be faculty from Lucknow University, India visiting campus in October. Their focus would be science and education. Shuhua An announced there would be two visiting faculty from China working in the College of Education.

There was a request to centralize visiting scholar information. Ken said that such visits are cleared by the CIE, but with the center's limited resources it is difficult to organize this information at this time. He looks forward to the future when such information might be managed efficiently. Sharon Olson offered to post them on the web site. There was discussion of other possible venues to share information such as the Multicultural Center, campus calendar and / or the Provost office's Academic Communiqué.

IV. New Business

A. Institutional Linkage with John Cabot University in Rome – Sharon Olson

Sharon presented a proposal to create a new agreement for international educational cooperation with JCU. As a result, CSULB has entered into a new relationship with JCU which provides an English-speaking program in Rome. The university has ties to exchanges in many other countries which could benefit students interested in studying abroad in the future. The program provides a liberal arts emphasis with a focus on high standards. Last summer Sharon visited the site in Rome and met with the president. They discussed the idea of student exchange from both institutions. Sharon then presented these linkages to a subcommittee which unanimously approved the process/linkage as an exchange partner.

The IEC approved the motion to recommend the president approve the linkage with John Cabot University. There were questions regarding JCU hiring CSULB faculty, and it was confirmed that it is possible with those who are on leave from the university.

There was also interest in knowing if there is a list of all linkages on our web site, and Sharon stated that it is located at http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/iec/study_abroad/index.html > CSULB Programs > One-Semester Programs.

B. Career Center – Robin Lee

Robin announced a job fair taking place next week and an international career day scheduled for the week after that. She said that the Peace Corps and directors of other global organizations were going to be involved, and there was a buzz about the international perspective to these fairs. She reminded us that the week of October 19 was branded to focus on international activities such as a global internships abroad workshop. They are planning to partner with the Seven Days of Service program.

Sharon Olson announced that the study abroad fair would take place October 14 on the grassy area by the bookstore

V. Old Business

We were unable to address old business, and it was recommended the topics be moved to the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned 1:25 p.m.

These minutes have been approved.

Leslie Kennedy, Recorder