

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

**Friday, April 9, 2010—11:30AM to 1:30PM**

**AS 119**

**Minutes #7**

**Present:** Shuhua An (Education), Chris Druzgalski (Engineering), Simon George (Int'l Community Council), Rebecca Groff (Student Athlete Services), Nathan Jensen (Center for International Education), Yu Ji (The Arts), Leslie Kennedy (Academic Technology), Caroline Lusby (Recreation and Leisure), Richard Marcus (International Studies), Aparna Nayak-Guercio (RGRLL), Sharon Olson (Education Abroad/GLOBE), Laura Portnoi (Education), 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), and Emyr Williams (Study Abroad Subcommittee).

**Absent Voting Members:** Terre Allen (FCPD), David Anglin (At-Large Music), Juan Benitez (Center for Community Engagement), Hamdi Bilici (Business Administration), Michael Blazey (Liberal Arts), Eileen Bosch (Library), Elson Browne (Housing/Residential Life), Ken Curtis (Center for International Education), Marilei Denila (Associated Students), Craig Fleming ( At-Large Theatre Arts), Rich Haesley (Liberal Arts), Teresa Hagen-Crowder (Staff Council/Univ Relations), Elaine Haglund (Resource Development), Mike Hostetler (Student Services), Jennie Hurley (President's Scholars), Jeet Joshee (CCPE), Tom Kely (Natural Sciences/Mathematics), Robin Lee (Career Development Center), Catherine Martin-Dunlop (Natural Sciences/Mathematics), Betsy McEaney (Liberal Arts), Nilufer Medora (Health/Human Services), Austin Metoyer (Associated Students), Raul Reis (ACIP), Edward Smith (Business Admin.),.

**Guests:** Casey Burkhard, (Co-chair, International Studies Student Association)

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

**I. Introduction**

- A. The meeting agenda was tentatively approved.
- B. The amended Minutes # 6, March, 2010 were approved.

**II. Announcements/Reports**

A. Announcements

- Casey Burkhard, co-chair, International Studies Student Association, announced the organization's fundraiser to benefit the Le Petite Train School in Port Au Prince, Haiti which was destroyed in the recent earthquake. The funds were going to go towards building materials and furniture. The event was was being catered, and a silent auction was planned. There were expectations of many participants making this the largest event for the International Studies Student Association ever. In addition, the Association is working on establishing an alternative spring break in Haiti for next year.
- Rebecca Groff, announced that the Student Athlete Association was sponsoring an "International Culture of Water Polo" event to demonstrate the game to the international students. A scheduled event in the near future entitled a "Culture of Baseball" was going to be held at Blair Field. The Dirt Bag's coach was planning to talk about the culture of baseball to the international students.
- Vlatka announced that David Anglin was facilitating the opera "Tales of Hoffman."

- Lynne Richmond asked if anyone would be interested in working with the Japanese Ministry of Education to teach and mentor professors. Lynne has a list of specialties/majors that would be of interest. The professors will be here for four weeks beginning this September.
- Yu Ji announced that as a result of the exchange program with a Chinese University, a delegation was coming to CSULB to meet with the Dean, CIE, and others on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We currently have several students from their university enrolled in our programs.
- Sharon Olson announced that the president of John Cabot University in Rome was going to be speaking on campus next week. She reminded us of the study abroad agreement that has been successfully developed with this university so far.
- Vlatka mentioned that the IEC members' term commitments were going to be reviewed for the next meeting. The Nominating Committee would begin to review the needs for additional members. Richard Marcus reflected on how the university linkages, relationship with CIE, and the global vision of the university could influence the committee's nomination process.
- Richard and Vlatka recommended the IEC write a letter to President Alexander, Vice President Doug Robinson, Interim Provost Para, and the Provost search committee to express our concern that the new provost should support internationalizing the campus. The IEC voted unanimously to support the letter.

#### B. Global Engagement: Ken Curtis

- Ken was not present, but asked Vlatka to announce the Southern California Consortium on International Studies (SOCCIS) conference taking place in the Faculty Center for Professional Development on April 16. IEC members' Richard Marcus, Carlos Silveria, and Leslie Kennedy were presenting.

#### C. Center for International Education: Nathan Jensen

- Nathan announced international admissions' applications for fall 2010 were up 15%, and admissions decisions were up, moving quicker than ever before.
- GWAR requirements have been adjusted allowing students to get through the writing requirements quicker. Sharon mentioned that an "Early Start" program being discussed by Trustees which recommends that students should be remediated before they begin university work is not official yet. This program will be challenging to international students and athletes, and the CIE is not sure how the coordination of this process will take place at the K-12 level.
- Studio Abroad is software package that is being implemented with the assistance of the Office of Academic Technology. One of its features is that it will assist students who are interested in studying abroad because it includes a searchable database of all study abroad programs. It can be searched by major, cost, classes needed for graduation, for example. Thus, it is a very flexible system, and it will be implemented this summer. CIE hopes to use it for international admissions purposes so applicants can check their admissions' status online, for example. There will also be an appointment and feedback system since it includes a web-based database system. Campuses who use Study Abroad report an increase in activity and access to measurable data for reporting purposes.

#### D. Study Abroad – Sharon Olson

- Forty-one out of forty-six IP applications were accepted.
- There have been 78 applications for the direct exchange programs, which is the most ever. Students are finding options in countries where they want to go. At times, they are discovering that it is less expensive to study in some countries than staying at CSULB and living away from home.

- Some summer programs were cancelled this week. However, there will still be approximately 400 students abroad this summer.

#### E. Other Announcements

- Vlatka mentioned that faculty who are spending time abroad with students should apply for IPA funds to support their travel abroad.
- Vlatka stated that the next meeting will be important to decide on the awards and will include officer elections. She asked that recommendations be emailed to her.
- Chris Druzgalski announced that he was contacted by Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral's (ESPOL) School of Design and Visual Communication in Guayaquil, Ecuador because they are interested in working with CSULB's design faculty. Carlos Silveira stated that he could provide contacts in graphic design.

### III. Old Business

- A. Discussion of the project: "Internationalizing the Experience of CSULB's Visa and U.S. Students" under the new budget circumstances.

Group reports:

- **Academic Support Group** (Members: Bosch, Groff, Hostetler, Jensen, Lee, Metoyer, Nayak-Guercio, Portnoi, Velcic) Nathan reported that workshops for international students via the assistance center were being offered through the library. Since the attendance has been low, they might offer the workshops during International Student Orientation Week. They have created a resources list of writing projects for graduate students, and they are sending emails to international students to advertise writing assistance.
- **Internationalizing Courses Group:** (Members: An, Druzgalski, Ji, Kennedy, Marcus, Medora, Saadeh, Silveira, Vatter, Velcic) The group is working on compiling its list of known courses that are including internationals into their curriculum. So far, Shuhua An had submitted a report based on recommended criteria by the committee. It should be posted to BeachBoard.
- **Media Group:** (Members: Anglin, Benavidez, Haesly, Olson, Velcic) No report
- **International Needs and Assessment Group:** (Members: McEneaney, Martin, Williams) No report.

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

These minutes have not yet been approved.

Recorder, Leslie Kennedy