To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division:

The Committee on International Education (CIE) held two online meetings and nine regularly scheduled meetings during the academic year and consulted with relevant campus administrators regarding issues within its purview.

Executive Summary

As per the Academic Senate bylaws, the purpose of CIE is “to provide advice and consent on all matters of international education and exchange, including practices that impact exchange students and scholars.”

During the 2017-18 academic year, the Committee

- Reviewed the complete data analysis of the fourth biennial survey of international undergraduate students (Winter 2017) and disseminated the survey findings to campus stakeholders
- Organized and held the faculty workshop, “International Students at UCSB: Facilitating Academic Success and Social Engagement,” in response to the survey findings (Spring 2018)
- Provided review of nine agreements with international institutions
- Met with Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director of UCEAP to learn more about UCEAP’s Strategic Plan and to discuss changes in UCEAP infrastructure
- Reviewed original and revised proposals from Professor Thomas Carlson to establish an International Center for the Humanities and Social Change
- Reviewed the revised proposal for pre-approval of UCEAP courses to meet General Education requirements
- Reviewed systemwide and divisional bylaws concerning conflict of interest
- Submitted to Senate leadership a request for the CIE Chair to become a member of the Executive Council
- Developed international agreement applicant prompts for consideration to include on the UCSB Global Engagement website
- Received the CIE Chair’s report after each UCIE meeting.
International Agreements

Memorandum of Understanding – Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenberg, Sweden
CIE endorsed a new international agreement between the UCSB Materials Research Laboratory (MRL) and Chalmers University for a duration of 5 years. The MOU proposes a collaboration in which the Department of Materials and Chalmers University will organize workshops and exchange students and faculty. This collaboration will focus on materials science and will be mutually beneficial to research at both universities. CIE noted there was no guarantee of funding and recommended a more detailed Collaboration Agreement be drafted. This agreement had a retroactive effective date.

Memorandum of Understanding – Dalian University of Technology (DUT), China
The Committee reviewed and endorsed a new international agreement between the UCSB Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Faculty of Electronic Information and Electrical Engineering at Dalian University. The proposed collaboration provides for the exchange of scholars and graduate students for a duration of 5 years, focusing on the areas of automatic control, computer science, information technology, and related interdisciplinary applications. This agreement had a retroactive effective date.

Memorandum of Understanding – Seoul National University, South Korea
The Committee reviewed a new international agreement between the UCSB Department of Statistics and Applied Probability and Seoul National University (SNU) Department of Statistics. The proposed collaboration provides for the exchange of a single graduate student from SNU. CIE requested further information as to why this was proposed as an international agreement rather than a visiting scholar proposal, as well as clarification of discrepancies in the duration of the agreement. This agreement had a retroactive effective date.

Extended Memorandum of Understanding – Dalian University of Technology, China
The Committee reviewed the extended agreement between the UCSB Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Faculty of Electronic Information and Electrical Engineering of Dalian University with a duration of 5 years. The extended MOU specifies collaboration on the International Cooperative Programs for Innovative Talents (ICPIT) of the China Scholarship Council (CSC). CIE requested further information regarding a summary of activities and the benefits of such to UCSB students, as well as clarification of the type of students described in the agreement and the number of incoming students. It was noted that a Collaboration Agreement would help to clarify many aspects of the MOU. This agreement had a retroactive effective date.

Proposal to Establish an International Center for the Humanities and Social Change
The Committee reviewed Professor Thomas Carlson’s proposal to establish the International Center for the Humanities and Social Change at UCSB. The Center would be part of an international network of centers funded by the International Foundation for the Humanities and Social Change. The purpose of the Center is to bring together a research team of graduate students, visiting scholars, public figures, and UCSB faculty to address social and cultural change both as an object of critical study and as a constructive project with immediate goals and objectives. A network Center has been established in Venice, Italy and Centers are under discussion at Oxford and Berlin. Two current goals identified in the proposal are to convene at least one major conference per year at UCSB and to participate in a summer institute in Venice, Italy. In addition, the Center will provide one to three fellowships for UCSB graduate students. Two postdoctoral scholars will be recruited as “faculty fellows” to teach up to three courses at UCSB. CIE endorsed the proposal while commenting on the following: 1) a reinforcement of the need for
academic freedom and the Center’s adherence to such a tenet; 2) a recommendation to consider the question of individual MOUs or Collaboration Agreements to govern exchanges between network Centers and UCSB; and 3) a lack of information regarding the donor. The Committee also expressed concerns regarding the date of establishment and UCSB’s budget contributions, but left these topics to more appropriate Senate committees. An initial four-year review was proposed moving to a five-year review cycle if outcomes are strong and funding is renewed. This agreement had a retroactive effective date.

**Proposed Agreement between UCSB Teacher Education Program (TEP) and Zurich University of Teacher Education (PH Zurich)**

CIE reviewed and endorsed the proposal for an exchange of graduate students between UCSB’s TEP and PH Zurich, with the clarification that this is an exchange of graduate students. The proposal provides for TEP student teachers to participate in an in-situ teaching experience at PH Zurich for one month and TEP will host PH Zurich student teachers and place them in K-12 classrooms. The goal of the exchange is to prepare teachers who are more culturally aware and global-minded. PH Zurich is a member in the TEP’s international teaching practicum program. Duration is for one year with the ability to renew annually. This agreement had a retroactive effective date.

**Proposed Agreement between Gevirtz Graduate School of Education (GGSE) Teacher Education Program (TEP) and the National Institute of Education (NIE), Singapore**

The Committee reviewed and endorsed the proposal for an exchange of graduate students between UCSB’s TEP and NIE, Singapore. The proposal provides for TEP student teachers to participate in an in-situ teaching experience at NIE for one month and TEP will host NIE student teachers and place them in K-12 classrooms. NIE is a member in the TEP’s international teaching practicum program. Duration is for one year with the ability to renew annually. This agreement had a retroactive effective date.

**Proposed Agreement between the Materials Research Lab (MRL) and the National University of Singapore**

CIE reviewed and endorsed the proposal for an exchange of researchers and the facilitating of joint workshops between UCSB’s Materials Research Lab (MRL) and the National University of Singapore. The agreement is for a duration of 5 years.

**Revised Proposal to Establish an International Center for the Humanities and Social Change**

CIE reviewed the revised proposal, which addressed the Committee’s initial concerns regarding academic freedom, more detailed information about the donor, and the date of establishment. Both Executive Vice Chancellor Marshall and Dean Majewski further clarified points of original concern. The proposal was endorsed by the Committee, although it reiterated the importance of Senate consultation prior to putting a program into place.

**Proposed Agreement between the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences and the Universidad del Desarrollo (UDD), Chile**

CIE reviewed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences (and the Center for Evolutionary Psychology) and the Research Center for Social Complexity Sciences of the Universidad del Desarrollo in Chile. The agreement provides for the exchange of visiting scholars and graduate students, research collaboration, and the holding of conferences and/or symposia for a duration of five years. The Committee endorsed the proposal, noting the need for further clarification on the description of the goal of collaboration and the existing activities, as well as the identification of the commitment of UCSB resources and space.
Survey of International Undergraduate Students

Details of the survey results and Committee recommendations disseminated to campuswide stakeholders in February 2018: the Report on International Undergraduate Students at UCSB 2017 is available upon request from the Academic Senate.

Informational Items

UCEAP Updates
Dr. Vivian-Lee Nyitray, Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director of UCEAP, provided the Committee with comprehensive UCEAP statistics, some of which include:

- 981 total UCSB EAP students (19% of UCEAP students)
- 6% of UCEAP students study abroad for a full year (twice the national average)
- 15% of UC students participate in UCEAP

UCEAP has developed a Strategic Plan (2016-20) to maintain and increase participation. Its vision and mission statements were changed to better reflect the program. The Strategic Plan involves senior administration and faculty engagement; strengthening collaboration with campus partners; becoming the preeminent education abroad program in the UC system by redesigning online systems and the UCEAP business model, and creating the Arc of Engagement. The Arc of Engagement’s goal is to create processes that will encourage and assist students in choosing, experiencing, and maintaining valuable outcomes of study abroad. UCEAP is also focusing on underrepresented student outreach to diversify the program. Some underrepresented groups are male participants, student athletes, and honors students. There is future consideration of tiered cost programs, staff development, and innovative programs that include the possibility of a pre-arrival study abroad “gap” semester, post-acceptance of UC admission offer. In addition, the UCOP UC Go website (http://www.ucgo.org/) was created.

Local Issues

Revised Proposal Requesting Pre-Approval of UCEAP Courses to Meet General Education (GE) Requirements
The proposal seeks to offer pre-approval of GE credit for courses taken abroad through the UCEAP. Pre-approval would be based on courses listed in the UC Registrars Database for UCSB, which were previously approved for GE credit. The revised proposal provides information and clarification requested by the Committee on Courses and General Education (CCGE) and also addresses concerns raised by co-Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies Jeff Stopple. Concerns focus on course stability and availability, evaluation of course quality and learning outcomes, and making the UCSB Registrars Database accessible via the internet. The committee reviewed and endorsed the revised proposal.

Proposed Divisional Bylaw 35.K on conflict of Interest
UCSB’s Executive Council determined that following the systemwide adoption of Senate Bylaw 128.J, the Santa Barbara Division should adopt similar language for inclusion in its local Senate Manual. Divisional Bylaw 35.K governs conflict of interest. The Committee was in support of the proposed amendment to the Divisional Bylaw 35.
Proposal to include CIE Chair in Executive Council Membership
The Committee proposed to the Senate Chair that the chair of CIE become a standing member of the Executive Council starting the 2018-19 academic year. The Committee made this proposal in response to a growing international student body and increased globalization. In light of UCOP’s proposed restructuring that involves the move of UCEAP to UCSB, the Committee feels its involvement in the Executive Council would increase CIE’s perspective in relation to the rest of campus and further facilitate discussion about international affairs and their impact on students across campus.

Systemwide Issues

Proposed Amendment of Senate Bylaw 128.J – Conflict of Interest
The proposed systemwide amendment of Senate Bylaw 128 with the addition of Section J, which provides policy for addressing conflict of interest issues. CIE was in support of the proposed amendment.

Request for Senate Review of New UCEAP MOU
The Huron Consulting Group was asked by President Napolitano to assess UCOP’s organizational design, alignment, portfolio, and strategy. In this report, it was suggested that UCEAP could transition its entire operation to UCSB and maintain a reporting relationship with UCOP. At the beginning of April, President Napolitano announced, effective July 1, 2018, that “EAP will be operated by UCSB with oversight from the Chancellor and the UCOP Provost as specified in an updated charter and MOU.” CIE reviewed the new MOU and the new Charter. It was noted that the documents were still in a state of revision and review. The Committee’s main concerns addressed the change of the Governing Committee to an Advisory Committee, which CIE felt downgraded faculty/Senate involvement and could be potentially detrimental to the success and ongoing development of UCEAP as an academic enterprise. CIE also noted that the makeup of the Advisory Committee should have a broader representation of administrators and faculty, including those that have been EAP Study Center directors. The Committee expressed great dismay at the lack of Senate consultation in the process and felt strongly that it was not in line with UC’s commitment to shared governance.

Coordination with Administration (alphabetical listing)

Linda Adler-Kassner, Interim co-Dean of Undergraduate Education, College of Letters & Science
Interim Dean Adler-Kassner was invited as a speaker for the CIE spring faculty workshop and discussed correlations between the survey findings and undergraduate education at UCSB.

Juan Campo, Director, UCSB Education Abroad Program
The Director of EAP is an ex officio member of the Committee and acts as a valuable resource regarding information about EAP.

Jan Frodesen, Director, English for Multilingual Students (EMS) Program
Dr. Frodesen is a member of CIE and was invited as a speaker for the CIE spring faculty workshop in her role as director of the EMS Program. She discussed how the EMS Program is developing curriculum and initiatives for promoting international student success.

David Marshall, Executive Vice Chancellor, UCSB
The Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor consulted with the Committee regarding international agreements.
Mario Muñoz, Associate Director, University and Community Housing Services
Associate Director Muñoz was invited as a speaker for the CIE spring faculty workshop. He discussed common social issues for international students and emphasized the relation between a positive living environment and academic success.

Vivian-Lee Nyitray, Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director, UC Education Abroad Program
Dr. Nyitray provided relevant updates regarding UCEAP's new marketing and programming, as well as information regarding the transition of moving UCEAP operations to the UCSB campus while remaining a systemwide service.

Lisa Przekop, Director, Office of Admissions
Director Przekop was invited as a speaker for the CIE spring faculty workshop and discussed how international student admissions have been affected in a number of ways and how UCSB is working to ensure a diverse population of international students across divisions.

Simran Singh, Director, and Chryss Yost, Programming Coordinator, Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS)
The Director of OISS is a frequent attendee of meetings and is a valuable resource to inform CIE of current trends within the international community on campus. Director Singh also provided an introduction for the CIE spring faculty workshop. Programming Coordinator Yost assisted with organizing student participation and acted as moderator for the student panel of the CIE spring faculty workshop.

Carry-over Issues and Future Initiatives

- International Agreement Applicant Prompts for Global Engagement Website
- Host Family Initiative
- Campus resources for international students
- Peer mentoring program in coordination with OISS
- Mental health needs of international students
- Monitor needs of international scholars and visiting faculty

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