COMMITTEE ON EXTENDED LEARNING AND
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Annual Report, 2006-07

To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division:

The Committee on Extended Learning and International Education Programs (CELIEP) met nine times over the course of the academic year to carry out its duties.

Committee Structure

CELIEP’s first item of business in Fall 2006 was to follow up on its proposal requesting that the committee be reorganized into two separate committees, one charged with oversight of international education, and the other focusing on matters related to Extended Learning Services and Summer Sessions (draft bylaws for these two committees were also included). The proposal was submitted to former Chair Walter Yuen late in Spring 2006, and no action was taken over the summer. Incoming Senate Chair Joel Michaelsen reviewed the proposal upon taking office, but was not convinced by the rationale provided for restructuring the committee. When further consultation resulted in no agreement, CELIEP forwarded its proposal to the Committee on Senate Effectiveness with a request that it be acted on by that committee.

CELIEP was later informed that the Senate Administration had developed a revised proposal requesting that CELIEP be replaced by a Committee on International Education (CIE) and that authority over matters related to Extended Learning Services be delegated to the Undergraduate Council. Following Faculty Legislature approval of the revised proposal, CELIEP was asked to review and comment on proposed Senate Bylaw 100, which outlines the charge, membership, and duties of the new CIE.

CELIEP had originally recommended that the campus director of EAP (who currently serves as a regular consultant to CELIEP) be included as an ex officio member of CIE. However, the subsequently proposed Bylaw 100 did not include this stipulation. Strong support for this inclusion was expressed by the current EAP Director and (initially) by some members of the committee. However, after careful consideration, CELIEP voted 6-0-0 to endorse proposed Bylaw 100 as presented by the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections. CELIEP is grateful to those who assisted in bringing about the restructuring of the committee and looks forward to the implementation of this change in Fall 2007.

Non-EAP Study Abroad Proposal

Much of the committee’s efforts in 2006-07 were focused on matters related to UCSB students’ participation in non-EAP study abroad programs. Last year, when a subcommittee of the University Committee on International Education attempted to obtain data from each of the campuses on study abroad participation outside of EAP, UCSB was forced to respond that such data were unavailable due to lack of staff resources to collect and maintain it.

Following the controversy surrounding the suspension of the EAP Israel Program in September 2002, and the liabilities associated with putting students at risk in the context
of EAP and non-EAP programs, [Wyatt] Rory Hume, Provost and Executive Vice President of the UC system, convened a group to study its impact on current UC study abroad policies. Subsequently, a policy directive on these matters was issued to the Executive Vice Chancellors in order to create a basis for implementing the following directives on individual campuses:

1. EAP policies with respect to suspending programs in “Travel Warning” countries will remain in place.
2. In order to provide clearer instruction to all students who wish to study on non-UC programs, campuses will establish websites clearly outlining steps to follow for such study, including acceptance of academic credit and receipt of financial aid.
3. Campuses will designate an office to serve as the primary source of information regarding study abroad in non-UC sponsored programs, including information assisting students in assessing risks of study in “Travel Warning” countries.
4. Campuses will establish procedures that allow students access to non-UC study abroad or “Leave-of-Absence” status, which would not involve withdrawing from the University or requiring application for readmission upon return to UC.

CELIEP’s concerns regarding these matters date back to November 2003, when the joint Senate/Administrative Task Force on International Education strongly advised the establishment of a full-time position for an officer to advise these students and maintain records on their activities for the campus. The Final Report of the Task Force states:

These students are UCSB students both before they leave and when they return; moreover, they hope to transfer the credits they earn abroad to their UCSB major and general education requirements. It is in the interest of the campus and students to provide reliable advance advising both about the programs and about the specific courses the students propose to take so that they can complete their requirements and degrees on time. In addition, students who are not well informed about residency requirements often find that such study abroad will require them to spend an extra quarter or more at the university.

CELIEP’s previous efforts to encourage the Administration to respond to this recommendation have been unsuccessful, primarily due to the budget crisis that has constrained campus resources since the time the Task Force Report was distributed. However, in response to the latest directives from the Office of the President, CELIEP conducted a series of consultations in preparation for making further recommendations to the campus. The committee met with Registrar Ginny Johns and Barbara Cogan, who is the key staff member in the Admissions Office addressing matters related to non-EAP study abroad. CELIEP also invited Mary Jacob, Director of the Office of International Students and Scholars to serve as a regular consultant to the committee, along with Associate Registrar Marsha Bankston.

The committee assessed study abroad procedures and administrative structures at all other UC campuses, and contacted relevant administrators at the campuses that appeared to be operating most effectively with respect to international education programs. CELIEP Chair Hasegawa also consulted with Dean Alan Wyner, Admissions Director Christine Van Gieson, and Senate Chair Joel Michaelsen. In May 2007, CELIEP’s Proposal for the Establishment of a Full-Time Position for an Administrative
Officer to Oversee Student Participation in Non-EAP Study Abroad Programs was submitted to Chair Michaeelsen with a request that he forward it to Executive Vice Chancellor Lucas along with his endorsement. The newly constituted CIE is prepared to assist in any way it can toward the fruition of this proposal.

International Agreements

CELIIEP reviewed and endorsed a proposal to renew the international agreement between UCSB’s Center for Cold War Studies and the London School of Economics for an additional three-year period. The committee also endorsed renewal of the Agreement for Scholarly Exchange and Collaboration between the Regents of the University of California and the University of Iceland Reykjavik for an additional five years.

Education Abroad Program

The committee received a thorough update on activities administered by UCSB’s EAP Office from Campus Director Michael O’Connell. About 716 UCSB students participated in EAP programs this year. At the time of the report, over 800 applications had been received for next year’s Fall/Winter/Spring programs, compared to 724 at that time last year. CELIEP is concerned that a greater level of academic integration be achieved between EAP programs and courses and the curricula of the campus. A status report has been requested from the EAP Office regarding its success in meeting specified goals in this area. CIE plans to address this issue extensively in the coming year.

University Committee on International Education (UCIE)

CELIIEP’s UCIE Representative provided regular reports on systemwide international education activities. Much attention has been focused on designing a new funding model for UCEAP due to recognition by the Office of the President that the current model is no longer viable for the long-term. Establishment of new programs is prohibited for the time being, but plans for improving existing programs and eventually creating new ones are ongoing. It has been observed that the recent popularity of summer programs may be responsible for a systemwide decline in EAP participation during the regular academic year.

Extension Proposals

CELIIEP has final approval authority over courses offered by Extension that can be petitioned for credit toward UCSB degrees and over the instructors of these courses. The committee approved the renewal of one instructor appointment during winter quarter. Ten additional Extension proposals were received shortly after the committee’s last meeting of the year. The Policy and Procedures for Approval of UCSB Extension Courses and Instructors states that CELIEP’s chair can act alone in response to such proposals when circumstances prevent action by the full committee. Chair Hasegawa therefore addressed these proposals on behalf of CELIEP. Five proposals related to Extension’s Wildlands Studies course series were approved for a period of one year. In the course of reviewing the remaining five proposals, which are related to the International Student Volunteers course series, the Chair encountered several areas of significant concern about which he requested additional information. As of the writing of this report, some of those concerns had not been satisfactorily addressed, and Chair Hasegawa had reported to Extended Learning Services that he is not willing to approve
the proposals until all of his concerns are adequately addressed. He also plans to forward a memo expressing his concerns to the Undergraduate Council, since it will take over the responsibility for this approval process in Fall 2007.

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