

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008

To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division:

The Committee on International Education (CIE) met nine times over the course of the academic year to carry out its duties.

Joint Ad Hoc Committee Report

CIE's highest priority for 2007 was the analysis of, and response to, a report submitted by the Joint Ad Hoc Committee, sometimes referred to as the Expanded Joint Ad Hoc Committee.

The Expanded Joint Ad Hoc Committee for International Education was appointed by Provost Wyatt R. Hume and UC Academic Council Chair John Oakley, on November 8, 2006, to review the UC study abroad programs and to make recommendations for international education within the UC system. This committee created a report on November 8, 2007, based partly on a study and report by Jerry Kissler, Consultant to the Office of the President. The Report also included Professor Gayle Binion's Minority Report. Each campus sent evaluations of the Report to the Academic Council which is the UC Systemwide Senate. The Academic Council felt it could not endorse the report. The responses from the UC Campuses, including the response of UC Santa Barbara Committee on International Education (CIE), are included in the response by the Academic Council:

[Response to the Joint Ad Hoc Committee Report](#)

The UC Santa Barbara CIE endorsed parts of the Joint Ad Hoc Committee recommendations wholeheartedly, and was in agreement with the thrust of many others. CIE enthusiastically supported the Joint Ad Hoc Committee's claim that international education should be placed at the top of UC's educational missions and that UC's commitment to international education must be reaffirmed by the UC President. CIE also agreed that the Chancellor on each campus should make sure all staff and faculty are aware of this commitment and take it seriously. CIE stressed that the commitment must be reinforced by a substantial financial commitment.

The UC Santa Barbara CIE spent a great deal of time and energy in response to the Joint Ad Hoc Report, listing a number of concerns, summarized below:

1. Quality is as important as quantity. The Committee's first major concern was that the study abroad program quality must be preserved; and that the programs should remain as cultural immersion experiences rather than something more like a tour group with an academic veneer. Our graduates should become part of today's global environment. As such, students need to learn to cope with unfamiliar customs and standards.
2. Lines of authority and oversight should be clear. The Report recommends a new administrative structure: a Vice-Provost-International Affairs, a full-time EAP Dean and Director, an International Education Leadership Team, a Center for International Education, and a chief officer for international education on each UC campus. CIE was concerned that rather than simplify the "excessively complex decision-making process"; this new structure would add a new, expensive administrative layer.
3. The oversight role of the Academic Senate is essential. The role of the Academic Senate is not mentioned in the Report, except for the responsibility of campus Academic Senates to assess course quality and manage "the course articulation process." The Academic Senate, both system-wide and on each campus, has a legitimate role to play in UC's international educational efforts, since its curricular contents fall within the Academic Senate's jurisdiction. In the spirit of shared governance and in view of the legitimate jurisdictional prerogatives given to the Academic Senate, CIE felt the proper role of the Academic Senate in the overall operation of UC's international educational mission must be articulated.

4. The role of EAP should not be diminished. The Report envisions a major portion of the future expansion of study abroad will take place through campus-generated programs and through third-party providers. CIE cautions that these options will not necessarily lead to reducing costs. More importantly, before the relative weight of EAP is diminished, the positive results that EAP has produced for the past 45 years must be carefully balanced against the cost of reducing the role of EAP.

5. Resource allocation is not clear. The Report does not give sufficient attention to resource allocation to back up many recommendations. Additional resources would be necessary for advisement for non-EAP study abroad programs and evaluation for granting credits for courses taken by non-EAP programs. Hence, outsourcing study abroad is not necessarily cost-free. Likewise, increasing the number of degree-seeking international undergraduate students at UC campuses will be impossible without allocating resources for recruitment. Shifting the financial burden to local campuses and absorbing the expansion of study abroad through campus-generated programs and through third-party providers may result in substantial retrenchment of international programs and increased costs.

6. The timeline for proposed change is too hasty. Given the drastic restructuring it proposes for the future direction and operations of UC's international education, and further given the need for adequate consultations and discussions, the timeline proposed in the Report seems too hasty. Its Recommendations are not always clear, and the Joint Ad Hoc Committee does not seem to have spent sufficient time in reconciling different views among its members and reaching consensus on crucial issues.

The Committee on International Education response begins on page 33 in the following document: [Response to the Joint Ad Hoc Committee Report.](#)

Housing of Short-Term (Less Than One Year) Scholars

International scholars who engage in teaching and/or research at UC Santa Barbara for less than a year face many difficulties in securing suitable, reasonably priced housing. Because of high prices and lack of availability, finding housing is difficult for anyone living in Santa Barbara. But it is especially difficult for international scholars who are often trying to find immediate housing without a centralized housing resource, with no money for the required deposit, limited appointment or fellowship funds, no transportation other than buses or taxis to view possible apartments, and perhaps language difficulties in a country with unfamiliar customs. A typical situation might be that of an international scholar who receives an appointment of less than six months. Almost all temporary housing requires a year's lease; the scholar may not yet have a social security number to secure a lease, and may have a spouse or family who have accompanied them and all need immediate housing.

Mary Jacob, Director of the Office of International Students and Scholars, states:

This issue is not new for the campus. The Final Report of the Task Force on International Education (2003) at UCSB, co-chaired by Scott Cooper and Michael O'Connell, made the following recommendation. "The campus should provide or locate housing for visiting scholars and students that would meet their basic housing needs. There is an urgent need for short-term (less than one year), affordable, furnished, and private housing for international scholars at UCSB."

CIE assessed housing availability and administrative procedures for short term (less than a year) international scholars at UC Santa Barbara, by scheduling a series of presentations and conducting informational interviews. Several groups deal with housing issues at UC Santa Barbara, but the organizational purviews, funding sources and limited resources prohibit them from assisting additional students and scholars on campus.

The committee also studied examples of other UC campuses. UC Davis conducted a survey in 2007 of both international faculty and students, entitled "Short-term housing for visiting scholars: Current status and opportunities for improvement" at the request of Vice Provost William Lacy. We believe the experiences found by UC Davis are similar to UC Santa Barbara with some exceptions. The high rent and lack of adjacent communities in Santa Barbara makes house hunting for short-term visitors much more difficult than in Davis. We believe also that the percentage of visitors with a spouse or partner, and a family with children might be a little higher if the survey is targeted at international scholars only, excluding students.

CIE proposed three recommendations to help housing for visiting international faculty across the campus:

1. Create a full time staff position to gather and coordinate data, develop housing source relationships, create a list of "hidden" housing as part of a housing network.
2. Explore the possibility of "Faculty in Residence" in some residence halls, where faculty members mix with students in a housing structure to allow interaction of the two groups.
3. Create a Task Force to study the long-term needs for housing for short-term visitors and possible solutions: perhaps creating a hotel at the Faculty Club, similar to the UCLA Guest House; or creating a housing unit for international scholars in Devereux; and perhaps leasing apartments and houses for international scholars.

Roane Akchurin, Manager, UCSB Community Housing Office, is working with CIE Chair Toshi Hasegawa, to develop a proposal for Short-Term (Less Than One Year) Students and Scholars. The basic proposal should be ready for CIE by Fall 2008.

Reception for International Scholars

CIE proposes that a reception for visiting international scholars be held at the beginning of each school year to welcome international visitors and demonstrate the University's commitment to international education. We also hope the reception will help visiting international scholars get to know each other and establish a network with the college community and among themselves.

Approval of International Agreements

1. Utrecht University: The committee reviewed and approved an umbrella agreement between UC Santa Barbara and Utrecht University for faculty and graduate student research. The committee also approved a subsidiary agreement between these organizations to exchange ladder faculty and/or post-doctoral fellows, for the purpose of teaching, the organization of joint colloquia, seminars and conferences, and the development of joint research projects.

2. Nagoya University: CIE returned an agreement between UC Santa Barbara Bren School and Nagoya University with suggested changes. CIE hopes to see the Memorandum of Understanding again once the changes are incorporated.

CIE briefly reviewed a draft of existing criteria and processes for reviewing International agreements, dated May 2007, and will return to the draft for further revisions and additions when time permits.

Reduction of ESL Classes in the Extended Learning Services (Extension)

Extended Learning Services (ESL) had to eliminate courses due to the budget crisis, CIE wrote a letter to the Senate chair, Joel Michaelsen, expressing their wish that this decision will not affect the university's reputation as an institution which supports and promotes international student exchanges, and that any negative effects on international students currently enrolled will be minimized.

Grad Student's Tuition and Out-of-State Fees

CIE is concerned that UC non-resident and out-of-state fees may be prohibitive for international graduate students. The committee met with several people, including Gale Morrison, Dean of Graduate Division;

Gene Lucas, Executive Vice Chancellor; and Todd Lee, Assistant Chancellor-Budget & Planning, to learn more about the UC Santa Barbara out-of-state fees for graduate students. CIE will also survey other state universities beginning Summer, 2008, to see how other states deal with out-of-state graduate fees.

Proposal for the Establishment of a Full-Time Position for an Administrative Officer to Oversee Student participation in Non-EAP Study Abroad Programs

In 2006-2007, international education was the purview of the Committee on Extended Learning and International Education Programs (CELIEP). After reviewing study abroad programs and structures on other campuses, CELIEP proposed the establishment of a full time position. The proposal was submitted to Senate Chair Joel Michaelsen at the end of the 2006-2007 academic year, with a request that he forward it, with his endorsement, to Executive Vice Chancellor Lucas.

In October 2007, Senate Chair Joel Michaelsen reported that the CELIEP (now CIE) proposal for the establishment of a non-EAP full time equivalent employee (FTE) on campus was presented to Gene Lucas, EVC, who felt that while the proposal was worthwhile, it could not be given priority due to competing financial demands.

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