

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
JUNE 1, 2023
MINUTES

PRESENT: C. Graninger, Chair; S. Ren; D. Weisbart; R. McKee (Ex-Officio); M. Schmelzle (Ex-Officio); J. Chen (GSA Student Rep).

ABSENT: J. Kim; B. Li; J. Nguyen (ASUCR Student Rep); M. Princevac (Ex-Officio); K. Vaughn (Ex-Officio)

GUESTS: Sonja Linda, Assistant Director of Education Abroad

Chair Denver Graninger called the meeting to order at 1:02PM.

Chair Graninger announced that David Weisbart has agreed to Chair the committee next year.

The Committee approved the minutes from the April 6, 2023, meeting.

Chair Graninger provided the Committee with an update from the May 19, 2023, meeting of UCIE and noted that most campuses are reporting good summer numbers for both students abroad and applications.

UCEAP Executive Director, Vivian-Lee Nyitray, provided an update to UCIE and noted that UCEAP currently provides .5 FTE to all campuses for education abroad and they will be increasing this to 1 FTE for all campuses. It was also noted that there are concerns with Alianza in Mexico. The advisory board has not met in years and there are concerns with student welfare, infrastructure and mobility issues. A member noted that were funding issues with Alianza, it was more competitive to get funding. Several students lost funding in the beginning and education abroad had to find other solutions to help with the funding. It was also noted that UCR is the hub for managing the relationship with Alianza and Chancellor Wilcox may need to get involved.

UCEAP Associate Dean, Rachel Jean-Baptiste is leaving UC and they hope to hire a new Associate Dean and have them in place by end of summer.

UCEAP has added a course catalog to their website where you can now search by location, academic discipline, experience type, or GPA. <https://uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/>. It was also noted that webinars are being held for students and families of those going abroad. 583 people attended one of the webinars.

UCIE had discussions of new programs in Berlin, Korea (KAIST) and Cairo, Egypt along with new summer programs in Spain, Barcelona and Madrid.

Chair Graninger introduced Sonja Lind, Assistant Director of Education Abroad. There was a discussion of inbound international students. It was noted that UCEAP also operates a reciprocal exchange program that brings students from around the world to study at UC campuses. Most students want to attend UC Berkeley and UCLA. Currently working on making other campuses a favorable destination.

International Affairs update: happy to report a very successful celebration of 60th Anniversary of Education Abroad was held on May 5, 2023, over 180 were in attendance (alumni, trustees, donors). Awards/recognitions were handed out and it was a fantastic event.

Michael Schmelzle, Director, Int'l Students & Scholars, noted that staffing is still low and are currently working at 50% on the student side. He also noted that export control is running well and processes have been put in place and all is calm on the immigration horizon at the moment.

Robert McKee, UCEAP Faculty Director, noted that Sonja Lind is revamping the FLEAP programs. She will be reaching out to faculty during the fall quarter and learn more about how programs are run. She will also be doing outreach with faculty via the following emerging webpage: <https://international.ucr.edu/abroad/fleap-become-faculty-member>. All faculty are encouraged to visit this web page and offer feedback.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:31PM.

Approved: June 30, 2023

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