

**International Education Council
October 13, 2014**

Minutes

IEC Representatives present: John Binkley (Chair), Melissa Wall (AMC), Daniel Degrauel (COBAE), Andrew Weiss (Oviatt Library), Geraldine E Sare (CSUN's Advisory Community), Scott Trevino (Admissions and Records), Shartriya Collier (MDECOE), Weimin Sun (COH), Vibhav Durgesh (COECS)

IEC Representatives absent (excused): Stephan Chung (HHD), Keiko Hirata (CSBS), Maria de Jesus Cartaya (Int'l Student Representative), Marta Lopez (Student Affairs), Carol Shubin (COSM), Justine Su (China Institute), Li Wu (Tseng)

Department Liaisons present: Holli Tonyan (SBS), Konstantinos Vrongistinos (HHD), Ana C. Cadavid (COSM), Anwar Alroomi (COECS), Richard Heermance (CSM), Tomo Hattori (COH), Behzad Bavarian (COECS), Janna Beling (HHD), Samira Moughrabi (HHD), Jennie Quinonez-Skinner (Oviatt Library), Vahab Pournaghshband (COECS)

Guests: Eric Bartolo, Ellen Krumnick, Thomas Morsey, Shandiz Kamrava

Call to Order

John Binkley, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room in the Bookstore Complex.

Attendance for the meetings is required for the IEC Representatives and optional for Department International Liaisons.

New Business

Introduction: International Education Council Overview

John Binkley explained the origins of the International Education Council. He mentioned that the International Education Council has a webpage on CSUN's website. The website can be found on the CSUN home page under several drop down menus listed as All Things International. The webpage is named International Education Council. <http://www.csun.edu/tsengcollege/international/international-education-council>

The meeting minutes will be posted on the webpage and the International Education Council meets twice a semester. John shared a brief synopsis from a recent conference in Seattle called Global Engagement through Technology Symposium held on September 12, 2014. A highlight of the conference was the information given on COIL

(Collaborative Online International Learning). The conference focused on using technology for global engagement.

Brief Discussion on COIL: All Colleges on Campus

John requested volunteers to share how their departments were using Collaborative Online International Learning.

Melissa Wall from the Mike Curb College of Arts, Media and Communication shared how the department of Journalism uses international collaboration for reporting and various projects. The Department of Journalism collaborates with different countries such as India and Lebanon. Twitter and Google are used as a means of communication. Students are able to report in different countries, make global comparisons, and create a documentary based on projects.

Discussion arose regarding online grading, and cheating. Melissa Wall explained that various factors are taken into account and collaboration is formed between CSUN and partner Universities to create assignments, grade and monitor students activities.

Beatriz Cortez and Patricia Miller were mentioned, as examples of individuals using Collaborative Online International Learning.

Shartriya Collier from the Michael D. Eisner College of Education shared how the department Elementary Education has a program called "Write For Your Life" that uses Collaborative Online Education. Students use blogs and modules to collaborate with Mexico and Costa Rica.

Discussion arose regarding future international collaboration such as: module, blogs, and virtual collaboration. This discussion led to suggestions of engaging place based students through their families.

Announcements

Konstantinos Vrongistinos explained how he is a member of the Academic Counsel of Academic Programs on the Advisory Committee for International Programs. He explained that there are different committee opportunities. John explained that the information will be sent out via email.

Travel Study

John Binkley explained current travel study procedures and how International Insurance can be purchased through the risk office. Students traveling with Faculty Internationally on CSUN Business would be considered a travel study. Contact John Binkley for all forms and information pertaining to travel study.

Admissions and Records Update

Scott Trevino gave an update on Admissions and Records pertaining to International Students. CSUN has seen an increase in Graduate applicants from India. He explained how the United Kingdom has tightened their immigration rules; the United States Embassy has issued more student visas, especially pertaining to Engineering and Computer Science. Also, CSUN has raised the requirements of the International English Language Testing System.

Discussion arose regarding the increase of graduation applications and the decrease of admits. Scott explained that the students applying are not eligible.

Geraldine E Sare, CSUN's Advisory Community Representative explained that Elizabeth Adams wants to centralize advising.

Daniel Degrauel recommended a lunch or social event for all of the International Department Liaisons to create a new strategy for addressing International Issues.

Presentation:

Vietnam Trip- Presentation by Physical Therapy Graduate Students

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss, John Binkley adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Prepared by Nicole Wilson