To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:


I. Committee Operations

Isaac Scherson, Professor of Computer Science, served as Chair of SCIE and as UCI’s representative to the University Committee on International Education (UCIE). Professor Frank Wilderson, Professor of African American Studies, served and the Vice Chair of SCIE. SCIE met in Fall and Winter Quarters to provide comments and advice on issues concerning international education.

SCIE, a joint subcommittee of the Council on Educational Policy (CEP) and the Graduate Council (GC), provides academic policy oversight on all matters concerned with the University of California Education Abroad Program (EAP) and other formal educational activities of UC Irvine students abroad, such as UCI Travel-Study and the International Opportunities Program (IOP); faculty exchanges between UCI and foreign universities; and other academic issues involving international education as requested.

The University Committee on International Education (UCIE) oversees all academic aspects of the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP), including the regular formal review of existing programs, the review and approval of new programs, changes in programs, and all program courses and credits. UCIE also provides advice to the President on the appointment of study center directors.

II. Campus and Divisional Issues

Study Abroad Center reported statistics of an increase in number of students in the program, with approximately 900 of UCI students participating and with expectations for this number to continue to increase. Efforts continue to have more students study abroad as sophomores and juniors so that those students can bring their experiences back to UCI and share with other students. Throughout the year, Faculty Director Daniel Brunstetter and Associate Director Marcella Khelif informed SCIE about activities of the UCI Study Abroad Center.

The Office of Global Engagement was accepted as a Member Ex-Officio of the SCIE. The Office was informed and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Global Engagement, Victoria Jones, was invited to the meetings. Victoria Jones informed the committee of her office’s plan to serve as a resource to help with campus wide international strategies. The office has a position for the first senior international officer and the goal is to facilitate collaborations across campus, which includes faculty who often have international contracts or needs to build international partnerships, programs, or negotiations.

The Committee reviewed the request for proposals for the UC Departmental Grants for academic Integration of Study Abroad and the chair reminded the committee of the UCEAP Call for grant proposal due date. The committee’s introduction of the Office of Global Engagement resulted in plans for future collaborations with the Study Abroad Center and Grad Division.
The Chair updated the committee on the UC-Mexico Initiative. President Napolitano identified building partnerships with Mexico as one of her key strategies. The UC Mexico Initiative is based at the Riverside campus. After a trip to Mexico, Napolitano signed an MOU with Mexico officials. The initiative’s goals are to strengthen collaboration between UC and the University of Mexico and to unify UC programs and partnerships in addition to developing new programs. Plans are to increase student and faculty exchange and provide collaborative research opportunities.

Submitted on behalf of the Subcommittee on International Education,

Isaac Scherson, Chair

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