

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION 2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:

The Subcommittee on International Education (SCIE) respectfully submits its report of activities for the 2018-19 academic year.

I. Committee Operations

Zuzana Bic, Professor of Teaching in the Program in Public Health, chaired SCIE in 2018-19. SCIE is a joint subcommittee of the Council on Educational Policy (CEP) and the Graduate Council (GC). It met twice during the academic year and provided comments and advice on issues concerning international education.

Chair Bic also served as a representative to the University Committee on International Education (UCIE), which oversees all academic aspects of the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP), 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 abroad center directors.

Throughout the year, William Clabby, Director of the Study Abroad Center; and Anke Biendarra, Faculty Director of the Study Abroad Center, kept SCIE informed about international education-related initiatives and activities.

II. Campus and Divisional Issues

Study Abroad Center

The Study Abroad Center website at <https://studyabroad.uci.edu/> has been redesigned as a central support system and covers a wide range of topics and resources for faculty, students, and staff such as academics, finances, scholarships, diversity and access, study abroad advisors, peer advisors, academic counselors, etc. The website uses Horizons software to manage online student interests, applications, forms, etc. which was previously a paper process.

To increase student participation, the Study Abroad Center conducts a wide range of activities including the following:

- Host GoAbroad Fair.
- Conduct outreach efforts to increase student participation and URM representation. The Study Abroad Center provides individual consultation and 5-minute peer advisor presentation for introduction in core courses.
- Conduct outreach efforts to increase faculty participation through information sessions with independent program providers.
- Conduct outreach efforts to schools by the Study Abroad Center Faculty Director.
- Develop infrastructure to institutionalize faculty-led programs such as the Olive Tree Initiative.

- Develop collaborations with the Anteater Learning Pavilion to build future digital exchange with other institutions.
- Develop an exit survey for participants.

III. Systemwide Issues

A. UC Education Abroad Program Participation

UCEAP continues to promote its program to increase participation rates across the campuses. Students should be informed of UCEAP opportunities by their programs in their freshman year and transfer students should be informed in their first year. They should be directed to UCEAP at <http://uc.eap.ucop.edu> and the local Study Abroad Center websites. UCEAP website provides connections between programs and host countries in addition to comprehensive information for faculty, students and staff. In addition, the online UCEAP course catalog assists prospective students with academic planning.

B. Academic Integration

- Academic Integration is an initiative and priority for UCEAP. It is broadly defined as the comprehensive integration of UCEAP programs and courses into the curricula of UC campuses. Two primary goals of Academic Integration are 1) to further engage and invest academic units in study abroad, and 2) to demonstrate the feasibility of, and reduce academic barriers to, participation in UCEAP for students in all disciplines.
- UCEAP Academic Integration Grants Program funds ten teams of faculty and staff up to \$5,000 each to make studying abroad accessible for undergraduate students.

IV. Committee Membership

Members:

Zuzana Bic, Health Sciences, SCIE Chair & UCIE rep.
 Mary Corey, Arts
 Bruce Blumberg, Biological Sciences
 Zheng Sun, Business
 Gilverto Conchas, Education
 William Tang, Engineering
 Serk Bae Suh, Humanities
 Lubomir Bic, Information and Computer Sciences
 Jianming Bian, Physical Sciences
 Paul Piff, Social Ecology
 Catherine Bolzendahl, Social Sciences
 Joanne Zinger, CEP Representative
 Kavita Arora, Graduate Council Representative
 Syed Jafar, Graduate Council Representative

Ex Officios:

Anke Biendarra, Faculty Director, Study Abroad Center
 Michael Dennin, Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning & Dean, Undergraduate Education
 Victoria Jones, Chief Global Affairs Officer & Associate Vice Chancellor, Global Engagement

Frances Leslie, Dean, Graduate Division & Vice Provost, Graduate Education
Consultants:

William Clabby, Director, Study Abroad Center

Gary Matkin, Dean, Continuing Education & Vice Provost, Career Pathways
Student Representative: Shan Tian, AGS Representative

Council Analyst: Thao Nguyen