

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION 2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:

The Subcommittee on International Education (SCIE) respectfully submits its report of activities for the 2021-22 academic year.

I. Committee Operations

SCIE is a joint subcommittee of the Council on Educational Policy (CEP) and the Graduate Council (GC) with purview over issues concerning international education. Professor William Tang, Department of Biomedical Engineering in the Henry Samueli School of Engineering, chaired in Fall 2021 and Winter 2022. Professor Victoria Bernal, Department of Anthropology in the School of Social Sciences, chaired in Spring 2022. SCIE met twice remotely via Zoom videoconference during the academic year.

Chair Tang and Chair Bernal also served as representatives during their respective terms 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 UC President on the appointment of study abroad center directors.

Throughout the year, Victoria Jones, Associate Vice Chancellor of Global Engagement; Jeanne d'Arc Gomis, Director of the Study Abroad Center; and Anke Biendarra, Faculty Director of the Study Abroad Center kept SCIE informed of international education-related initiatives and activities.

II. Campus and Divisional Issues

Study Abroad Center

- The Study Abroad Center continued to support interested students remotely by ensuring student preparedness for future trips, for example. Student interests remain high with over 1,700 applications for 2022-23. Study abroad is found to be resilient to long-term impacts of the pandemic.
- The Study Abroad Center restructured its operations to better serve campus needs, resulting in new staff positions: a Global Risk Manager who is responsible for risk management of students and faculty to ensure the health and safety of UCI global travelers, and a Faculty-Led Program Advisor who is responsible for the development of faculty-led programs and bilateral exchange programs.
- The Study Abroad Center presented the roles and responsibilities of faculty liaisons who serve as conduits from the Center to departments in promoting study abroad.

Office of Global Engagement

- Faculty and students are required to follow risk management protocol and obtain approval prior to traveling abroad. If a program does not meet campus risk standards that are in compliance with the State Department, it will be forwarded to the international risk review team.
- Before embarking on research projects, faculty are encouraged to contact the International Relations Council which is appointed by the Provost to review and provide guidelines on engaging with international partners in places where the

federal government might have concerns with espionage, intellectual property theft, etc. Those locations include Cuba, Iran, and North Korea. The contact point is global@uci.edu.

- The Center for Critical Korean Studies in the School of Humanities received a 5-year grant from the Korea Foundation to fund a faculty position.

Data Analytics from Office of Enrollment Management

- The Office of Enrollment Management (OEM) presented new data analytics that could assist SCIE in identifying heavily impacted courses such as pre-requisites that could be taken overseas as part of study abroad programs. Enrollment management analytics provide real-time data to support strategic planning efforts. With the goal of integrating study abroad into the formal curriculum while maintaining undergraduate time-to-degree of four years, SCIE explored the fulfillment of GE requirements and sophomore core requirements through study abroad. The first step is to determine GE and core course bottlenecks. For example, Math 3A is heavily impacted with several hundred students unable to take the course in a timely manner.

III. Systemwide Issues – None

IV. Committee Membership

Members:

William Tang, Engineering, SCIE Chair and UCIE Representative (Fall 2021 & Winter 2022)

Victoria Bernal, Social Sciences, SCIE Chair & UCIE Representative (Spring 2022)

Tong Wang, Arts

Jose Ranz, Biological Sciences

Mingdi Xin, Business

Shayan Doroudi, Education

Rufus Edwards, Health Sciences

Brianne Donaldson, Humanities

Patrick Smyth, Information and Computer Sciences

Juan Ochoa Ricoux, Physical Sciences

Jenny Rinehart, Social Ecology

Maura Allaire, CEP Representative

Long Bui, CEP Representative

John Middlebrooks, GC Representative

Susan Turner, GC Representative

Ex Officio Members:

Anke Biendarra, Faculty Director, Study Abroad Center

Michael Dennin, Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning & Dean, Undergraduate Education

Gillian Hayes, Vice Provost, Graduate Education & Dean, Graduate Division (represented by Associate Dean Rodrigo Lazo)

Victoria Jones, Chief Global Affairs Officer & Associate Vice Chancellor, Global Engagement

Consultants:

Jeanne d'Arc Gomis, Director, Study Abroad Center

Aimee Jiang, International Student Support Officer, Graduate Division

Gary Matkin, Dean, Continuing Education & Vice Provost, Career Pathways

Anna Wimberly, Director, International Center

ASUCI Representative: Vikki Huang

AGS Representative: Sarah Alkhatib

Council Analyst: Thao Nguyen