

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION 2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:**

The Subcommittee on International Education (SCIE) respectfully submits its report of activities for the 2017-18 academic year.

### **I. Committee Operations**

Victoria Bernal, Professor of Anthropology in the School of Social Sciences, chaired the Subcommittee on International Education (SCIE) in 2017-18. SCIE is a joint subcommittee of the Council on Educational Policy (CEP) and the Graduate Council (GC). It met three times during the academic year and provided comments and advice on issues concerning international education.

Chair Bernal 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 center directors.

Throughout the year, Victoria Jones, Chief Global Affairs Officer and Associate Vice Chancellor of the Office of Global Engagement; William Clabby, Director of the Study Abroad Center; and Marcella Lawson, Associate Director of the Study Abroad Center, kept SCIE informed about international education-related initiatives and activities.

### **II. Campus and Divisional Issues**

#### **A. Study Abroad Center**

The Study Abroad Center works with school faculty liaisons who have been appointed to assist with academic policy issues related to EAP. The Study Abroad Center organizes two faculty liaison meetings annually to inform faculty liaisons of faculty participation, current programs, and current events. The Study Abroad Center also meets regularly with school academic advisors.

Director William Clabby joined the Study Abroad Center to oversee all efforts to support student participation in the EAP and third party provider programs. He is currently working to expand programs and services to consistently support faculty in their international education efforts.

#### **B. Office of Global Engagement**

The Office of Global Engagement introduced the following risk management initiatives to support faculty and students on faculty-led programs:

1. Orientation: To provide protocols and best practices on health and safety issues for both faculty and students.
2. Registry: To register contact and emergency information for faculty and students.

3. Establishment of a committee charged by the Provost to determine emergency support in case of an emergency.

All three initiatives are optional until supporting policy and procedures are implemented and the infrastructure is in place. Faculty are encouraged to consult with the Office of Global Engagement in the planning of their trips.

In addition, the Office of Global Engagement is working to build collaborations with partner universities for university course credit.

### **C. UC Education Abroad Program Participation**

UC campuses are encouraged to increase their study abroad participation rate from 15% to the targeted goal of 30%. The participation rate at UCI is 13%. There are a number of obstacles to student participation including knowledge about options in terms of countries and academic programs, and perceptions about cost and impact on time to degree.

SCIE considered the following recommendations at the campus level:

- Make study abroad possible for a greater number of students.
- Target outreach efforts to specific schools.
- Communicate with faculty that international education is a critical part of the educational experience.
- Present and disseminate study abroad information to department chairs in an effective manner.
- Determine faculty motivation to promote study abroad.

## **III. Systemwide Issues**

### **A. Academic Integration Efforts**

Efforts are underway across the UC to mainstream study abroad as part of a normal course of a UC education. It was suggested that departments consider posting information about students from their programs who have recently studied abroad, what requirements they were able to fulfill/complete while abroad, and when might be the best in the sequence to study abroad. It is important to get students to start thinking about international education as a key component of their education. Grant funding for EAP integration is available through the Office of the President. The Paul Merage School of Business and the School of Social Sciences received funding for their EAP efforts.

### **B. UC Approved Course Database**

All study abroad courses that any UC has approved for credit and that any UC student has taken are tracked in a database searchable by department and subject at

<https://myeap.eap.ucop.edu/Galileo/service/coursecatalog/Coursecatalog.aspx>.

By searching the database, faculty and students can determine pre-approved courses in the interested disciplines. The database could positively impact the attractiveness of a department to prospective students.

### **C. UC Education Abroad Program Restructuring**

The University Committee on International Education (UCIE) considered President Napolitano's decision to implement recommendations from the Huron Report on the UCEAP to be effective July 1, 2018. Due to the lack of prior consultation with the Senate and UCIE, UCIE is collaborating with the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) and the University on Planning and Budget (UCPB) on reviewing the changes proposed to UCEAP's governance structure and postponing implementation.

### **D. Nominations for 2018-19 UCIE Reviews of UCEAP Programs**

SCIE provided nominations for the 2018-19 UCIE reviews of UCEAP programs. All UC Study Abroad Programs undergo a rigorous review every 10 years.

## **IV. Committee Membership**

### Members:

Victoria Bernal, Social Sciences, SCIE Chair & UCIE rep.  
Pierre Baldi, Information and Computer Sciences  
Bruce Blumberg, Biological Sciences  
Mary Corey, Arts  
Kathleen Johnson, Physical Sciences  
Young Jik Kwon, Health Sciences  
Paul Piff, Social Ecology  
Rossella Santagata, Education  
Serk Bae Suh, Humanities  
Zheng Sun, Business  
William Tang, Engineering  
Ketu Katrak, CEP Representative  
Fabio Milani, CEP Representative  
Chuansheng Chen, Graduate Council Representative  
Syed Jafar, Graduate Council Representative

### Ex Officiis:

Daniel Brunstetter, Faculty Director, Study Abroad Center  
Michael Dennin, Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning & Dean,  
Undergraduate Education  
Victoria Jones, Chief Global Affairs Officer & Associate Vice  
Chancellor, Office of Global Engagement  
Frances Leslie, Dean, Graduate Division & Vice Provost, Graduate  
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### Consultants:

William Clabby, Director, Study Abroad Center  
Marcella Lawson, Associate Director, Study Abroad Center  
Gary Matkin, Dean, Continuing Education & Vice Provost, Career  
Pathways

### Student Representatives:

Kasra Moazzemi, AGS Representative  
Zayn Sikander Suhale, ASUCI Representative

### Council Analysts:

Natalie Schonfeld  
Thao Nguyen (February 2018-August 2018)