

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION 2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:

The Subcommittee on International Education (SCIE) respectfully submits its report of activities for the 2019-20 academic year.

I. Committee Operations

Professor of Teaching Zuzana Bic, Program in Public Health, chaired SCIE in 2019-20 for a second year. 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 advised on issues concerning international education.

Chair Bic also served as 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 UC President on the appointment of study abroad center directors.

Professor Victoria Bernal, Department of Anthropology in the School of Social Sciences, served as Interim Chair and UCIE representative in Spring 2020.

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

II. Campus and Divisional Issues

Study Abroad Center

- Jeanne d'Arc Gomis was appointed Director of the Study Abroad Center. Former Director William Clabby now serves as Deputy Chief Global Affairs Officer.
- The Center has grown and restructured to increase faculty-led programs to better meet faculty and student needs. Applications to study abroad have increased with the implementation of a new online system at <https://studyabroad.uci.edu/>. The Center now employs a financial aid specialist, funded jointly with UC Santa Barbara for the next two years.
- Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Center planned to launch the first partnership with a South Korean university that would be open to any students.
- As the pandemic impacted China, the Center provided support to students studying in the country.

Office of Global Engagement

- Prior to COVID-19, the Office of Global Engagement was developing global programs in collaboration with interested faculty to bring international collaborations on board.
- At the early start of COVID-19, the campus reviewed its process on travel restrictions as non-essential travel to China was prohibited at the time.

UCI Interim Policy and Procedures for Student International Studies

Section 420-10 Interim Policy for Student International Activities establishes a review and approval process, sets limitations about what the policy covers, and identifies the responsible parties. Section 420-11 Interim Procedures for Student International Studies establishes the steps in the process, sets out specific responsibilities for different agents, lays out the steps for approval of a program or individual travel activities, and lays out broad categories of risk management.

SCIE recognizes that a policy is needed to address risk management for student international studies. The Interim Policy and Procedures were implemented following Senate review: <http://policies.uci.edu/policies/index.php>.

III. Systemwide Issues

White Paper on Recognizing International Activities as Part of Merit, Tenure, and Promotion Process at UC

UCIE considered a white paper prepared by Michael Lazzara, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Programs, Global Affairs at UC Davis with input from UC Senior International Officers. The proposal presented that, given UC's commitment to internationalization and the global community, the time has come for a systemwide conversation on how the APM might be expanded to recognize, value, and reward the many kinds of internationally-engaged and focused activities in which faculty participate. SCIE was enthusiastically supportive of the white paper.

IV. Committee Membership

Members:

Zuzana Bic, Health Sciences, SCIE Chair & UCIE Representative
Lukas Ligeti, Arts
Bruce Blumberg, Biological Sciences
Tonya Bradford, Business
Rosella Santagata, Education
William Tang, Engineering
Serk Bae Suh, Humanities
Lubomir Bic, Information and Computer Sciences
Jianming Bian, Physical Sciences
Jenny Rinehart, Social Ecology
Victoria Bernal, Social Sciences, Interim SCIE Chair & UCIE Rep. (Spring 2020)
Ying Hu, CEP Representative
Sam Schriener, CEP Representative

Kavita Arora, GC Representative

Syed Jafar, GC 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

Gillian Hayes, Vice Provost, Graduate Education & Dean, Graduate Division

Consultants:

William Clabby, Deputy Chief Global Affairs Officer

Jeanne d'Arc Gomis, Director, Study Abroad Center

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

ASUCI Representatives: Toni Green (Fall 2019) & Michael Nguyen (Winter & Spring 2020)

AGS Representative: Emad Kasaeyan Naeini

Council Analyst: Thao Nguyen