Committee on International Education (CIE)
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Non-EAP Issues

Tracking
Associate Vice Chancellor Susanna Castillo-Robson and Principal Policy Analyst Jocelyn Surla Banaria attended some Committee on International Education (CIE) meetings to provide updates on the progress made by the Admissions and Enrollment cluster on the issue of tracking students participating in non-EAP programs. This year CIE learned from Dean Lie that approximately 70% of students choose non-EAP programs. Issues related to tracking non-EAP students were also discussed at a meeting of the Coordination Board for Undergraduate Admissions, Financial Aid, and Enrollment Management, as reported by Berkeley Division Vice Chair Mary Firestone.

Students still must withdraw from UCB to attend a non-EAP program, but they are now able to choose “non-EAP program” to indicate their reason for withdrawing. They still must apply for readmission (and pay a fee), but a checkbox for non-EAP programs with a list of institutions has been added to the readmission application. OR does not track the location of withdrawn students (the Financial Aid office tracks those students on financial aid). Creation of an “approved leave” category has been discussed by various units.

Survey
Banaria work with CIE to create a follow-up survey for the small cohort of non-EAP students responding to the UCUES survey. The pilot survey was distributed in February 2008 to non-EAP students reapplying for admission and receiving financial aid. Results were presented in May.

LDP Project
The CIE Chair will be a primary sponsor, along with the Vice Chancellor for Admissions and Enrollment, for a Leadership Development Program (LDP) project to study the Berkeley student study abroad experience. Additional functional sponsors are the heads of the Financial Aid Office, Office of the Registrar, and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. BPSA will be a critical partner as well. The project aims to determine best practices and provide a report. CIE members may be interviewed as part of the research component.

Budget Cuts – UOEAP and BPSA

A 15% budget cut for EAP has been mandated. The BPSA Director provided updates on the transition to the more holistic advising model, including updates on resources for advising and guidelines for how to provide academic oversight of third-party provider programs. BPSA will explore ways to increase the number of third-party programs and “boutique” programs it partners with, but another staff person will be needed to do this work. UO funding cuts will not impact
the campuses this coming year (however, the campus may still make cuts). The cuts will instead come out of the UO office and international study centers.

**Study Abroad Program Provider Issues**

CIE examined a *New York Times* article about study abroad program provider issues. The BPSA director explained that Berkeley’s relationship with program providers is very limited: there are only two affiliation agreements, which do not require exclusivity or endorsement.

**Report of the Second Joint Ad Hoc Committee on International Education**

The Committee reviewed several reports and responses, and provided responses. In general, CIE did not support the recommendations and took issue with the proposed timeline for implementation. Though the report places emphasis on international education as an integral part of the UC students’ academic experience and contains statements that support the concept of making international education financially accessible to all students, it does not clearly indicate how these goals will be achieved. Additionally, members felt that progress toward achieving the goals would be severely restricted by adopting the budget model suggested in the Kissler report. These reports were discussed at a special meeting on January 23 and a response was sent on February 4, 2008.

**Report of the Task Force on Campus Strategy for Managing International Travel**

CIE reviewed and responded to the Report of the Task Force on Campus Strategy for Managing International Travel regarding insurance coverage and travel policy and practice. Members agreed that the language regarding the scope of the policy is vague and confusing. The distinction between “sponsored” and “organized” group activities, as compared to individual travel, contains many gray areas. A response was sent on March 25, 2008.

**Summer Sessions**

Summer Sessions Director Rick Russo was invited to attend committee meetings as a guest. Russo provided updates on Summer Sessions’ struggling travel programs, fees (approximately 25% increase), and declining student enrollment (however, international student enrollment has increased by 40% due to the weak U.S. dollar. Russo also described new endeavors such as an arrangement with National Taiwan University to offer an English as a Second Language program in Taipei. UCB faculty will teach in Taipei and handle all academic aspects; NTU will run the infrastructure. The program will be open only to non-UCB students. Profit from the program will be directed toward travel study programs for UCB students. Summer Sessions will also provide a residential precollegiate honors program for Saudi Arabian high school students. Profit from the program would be diverted to support UCB travel study students.

**Effect of TAS Budget Cut on Language Program**

Members noted that the East Asian Languages and Cultures Department is significantly cutting back on language courses due to loss of funding for lecturers. It is felt that if this pattern
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continues, it will in effect dismantle the language programs. This in turn will have an effect on Study Abroad programs and the University as a whole. Members discussed sending a letter to Sacramento laying out the effects of the 10% cut or asking Chancellor Birgeneau to look at the campus model for allocations.

UCIE Alternates: Monteiro and Kern

Professors Monteiro and Kern were appointed as alternate representatives to UCIE.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

CIE will oversee all forms of international education, including EAP, third-party provider programs, Summer travel programs, and others. The committee will continue to follow the BPSA transition and budget cuts. The LDP Project will commence. A new survey of non-EAP students will be distributed in February 2009. An “approved leave” status may be discussed. CIE may also look into organizing departments to advise students on study abroad courses counting toward their majors.