Committee on International Studies and Exchanges (CISE)

| Total Meetings: 5 | Meeting frequency: About two meetings per Quarter. | Average hours of committee work each week: 7.5 |

Reviewed a total 35 GE Petitions, 4 - 2008-09 Annual Reports (CISE; UCIE; EAC and SISS), the General Education Graduation Requirement Guidelines, the actions of two other committees (UCIE and the EAP Task Force), 4 multiple program proposals (New, Eastern Europe, Japan and Africa), 2 Reports (Joint Senate Admin EAP Task Force and 2nd Round of COTF Recommendations), 2 Committee Memberships (UC CIE Chairs and EAP Governing Committee), 5 Letters, 2 Responses (UCSB and UCIE), 1 Vision Document (UCD), 4 Committee Bylaw Changes (see below), 1 Position Description (EAP Director), and 1 Agreement template (Affiliation Agreement).

0 GE Petitions, 0 reports and 3 issues (committee bylaw changes, authority for transfer credit and status of EAP) continued from the previous year.

0 GE Petitions, 0 reports and 2 issues continue to the coming academic year: status of EAP and GE protocol for “new” GE.

Listing of bylaw changes proposed: in addition to those proposed in 2008-09. Changing the committee name from CISE (Committee on International Studies and Exchanges) to CIE (Committee on International Education).

Listing of committee policies established or revised:
The committee charge was revised to 1) remove the Director of the International House from the committee membership; 2) replace the word “faculty” with “Senate member” in reference to members drawn from the undergraduate colleges; 3) insert the word “regular” before the first occurrence of the word “member”; and 4) change the name of the committee to “Committee on International Education (CIE)."
Issues considered by the committee:

Chancellor’s vision document
Task Force Report on EAP Governing Committee
Criteria and protocol for getting GE credit for EAP coursework
Changes in the EAP funding model
Collapse of EAP central funding
Proposed opening and proposed closures for various EAP programs
Commission on the Future final report
Campus agreements with 3rd-party education-abroad providers
Impact of “new” GE

Recommended procedural or policy changes for the coming year:

That the committee whiteboard item comments-viewing functionality be modified so that after one views a comment one is returned to the same place in the list of whiteboard items. (This change has now been implemented.)

Committee’s narrative:

The committee was engaged in international-education issues of concern to UC Davis and, sometimes, system-wide. Highlights are below.

Education Abroad Program
CISE monitored and provided feedback into upcoming changes in UC’s Education Abroad Program (EAP). The program continues to be in distress, with multiple programs and Study Centers being eliminated and others being put into the hands of third-party providers. Central funding to EAP has collapsed, going from roughly 18 million annually to about 1 million. A new “funding model” is being implemented, one in which students pay an “EAP Fee” in lieu of Ed and Reg fees. The Office of the President hopes that the new funding approach will allow EAP to continue on as a self-supporting or nearly-self-supporting organization. The committee is concerned about the prospects for reciprocity (students from any one of UC’s host universities studying here), accessibility of study-abroad opportunities, and the general future for EAP.

EAP Governing Committee
A system-wide EAP Governing Committee was formed this year. UCD Vice Provost for undergraduate studies Pat Turner was appointed to it. The committee, which is only advisory, has some Academic Senate representation.

Business Action Item: Response to EAP Task Force Report
Our concerns about the state and future of EAP, and about its Governing Committee, were expressed in a response to a BAI calling for review of the EAP Task Force’s recommendations. We were critical of the document, complaining, among other things, that it seemed pointless to review a document whose main recommendation had already been put into effect. The committee’s comments were incorporated in the Davis
Division’s response of January 25, 2010, which then became a part of the Academic Council’s review and was sent to then-Interim Provost Larry Pitts on March 18, 2010.

**EAP Program Closures**
A number of EAP program closures came in during the year. UCIE would be informed first, and the CISE Chair would then bring this to CISE for advice. We were most concerned with respect to the following: (1) A new EAP program is to be opened in Belgrano, Argentina. We opposed this, concerned, among other matters, about the lack of Academic Senate consultation. (2) We reviewed and then opposed a new language program at the International Cultural Institute of Japan. There were issues with the venue, the program, and concern that the program was advertised by UOEAP prior to Academic Senate approval. UCIE voted against the proposed program. (C) We opposed closure of UC’s one and only program in Russia, which had been losing a small amount of money annually. UC’s Russian program has since been turned over to a third-party provider. Programs were also closed in Sienna, Italy, in Hungary, and beyond.

**Director of EAP Position Description**
CISE reviewed the proposed job description for the Director of EAP and expressed concerns that the position was not being treated as an academic position. CISE’s Chair worked with other UCIE members to help draft a revised job description. The final job description did not particularly follow the Academic Senate’s edit, but it has recently been announced that someone with an academic background—UCD Prof. Jean-Xavier Guinard (Food Sciences; Associate Vice Provost for International Programs)—would assume the Director position.

**UCD Chancellor Katehi’s Draft Vision Document**
CISE reviewed Chancellor Katehi’s Draft Vision Document, attending especially to issues relating to internationalization. We praised the international focus embedded in the document but expressed concerns about promoting internationalization in an environment of collapsing study-abroad funding.

**Proposed Revisions to CISE’s Charge—Davis Division Bylaw 64**
CISE reviewed proposed revisions to its charge (Davis Division Bylaw 64), brought to it by the Committee on Elections, Rules and Jurisdiction. We supported all the proposed revisions, and added one more: that our name be changed to CIE. The reason for the name change is simply that every other campus in the system calls their peer committee CIE (Committee on International Education), not CISE. The system-wide committee is correspondingly named UCIE.

**Affiliation Agreements**
The committee considered Affiliation Agreements (also known as Agreements of Association or Association Agreements). Under such contracts UCD would affiliate with selected third-party providers for providing alternative, generally non-competing study abroad programs (supplementing EAP, Summer Abroad, and Quarter Abroad). Particularly in the light of EAP budget cuts and concerns about increasing student costs for participation in study abroad programs, CISE expressed its support for our campus entering into such arrangements, noting that the arrangements have been used quite successfully at other campuses, such as UCSD.
Committee on the Future (COTF) Recommendations
CISE reviewed and responded to the second round of recommendations made by the Committee on the Future (COTF). CISE expressed disappointment that international education was not mentioned in the document except as a possible revenue stream to UC.

General Education Petitions for EAP Coursework
Throughout the academic year, CISE reviewed General Education Petitions for EAP Coursework. In mid-year CISE enacted a new review protocol for these petitions, so that petitions would normally be reviewed within about one week.

The committee is concerned that review of GE petitions using the current protocol will become difficult under the new GE. We invited Christopher Thaiss, Chair of the General Education Task Force, to one of our meetings. No consensus emerged about how GE petitions ought to be handled when the new GE goes into effect, but the committee has reservations about its ability to interpret all the categories of GE credit based upon the sometimes-sketchy information for courses that we have available. Resolving what should happen here remains an issue for next year’s committee.

Membership Participation
We comment that there were recurring problems with meeting attendance and participation in GE-petition reviews. What might be done to increase participation should be an issue of concern for the 2010-11 Committee and the Academic Senate in general.

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