

**COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PROGRAMS**  
**Minutes of the Meeting, October 25, 2017**

**I. Approval of the Minutes of the September 2017 Meeting—Peter Biehl**

Professor Biehl welcomed a new member of the Council—Jaimie Falzarano from the School of Management, who could not attend the September meeting. The minutes of the September 27 meeting were approved as distributed. Professor Biehl noted that Dean Abramovsky of the School of Law was not able to attend the meeting due to illness, so the major agenda item is deferred until the November meeting. Professor Biehl introduced guests from partner universities in Brazil and France—Professor Paolo Angieras de Goes and Maria Alves Maia from Universidade Federal de Pernambuco (UFPE) in Recife, Brazil; and Professor Judith Mizrahi Barak from Université Paul Valéry Montpellier 3 in France.

Professor Goes expressed appreciation for the visit to UFPE by Provost Zukoski in July and for his interest in developing cooperation with their university. Professor Maia showed a presentation introducing UFPE. The university was founded in 1895 as a school of engineering, to which were later added other professional schools. The original University of Recife was eventually renamed the Federal University of Pernambuco. Additional campuses of UFPE have been added in the past ten years. Fairly comprehensive, UFPE has twelve academic centers and schools—from the arts to business to biology. UFPE has 43,375 students including 30,000 UGs and 12,697 grads. Innovation is a current key concern in Brazilian universities, as it is elsewhere. Like UB, UFPE has many ancillary facilities. According to CAPES, the major research funding agency in Brazil, the internationally regarded programs at UFPE are computer science, production engineering and physics, while several others are also excellent, including animal biology, political science, chemistry, social work, and sociology. Seven national institutes are hosted by UFPE, including photonics and nano-materials. UFPE is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> among universities in Brazil. It has a strong focus on health innovation and biotechnology as well as energy; it works with a variety of private-sector partners in Brazil and with multinationals. UFPE has two hundred partners in 34 countries around the world, with many in Germany and France, as well as US. There are recently developed linkages in Asia, China, Japan, and other Asian countries. Their partnership modalities include mobility programs, dual-degrees, joint research, summer schools, language courses, doctoral dissertation co-supervision agreements. Cooperation often focuses on UFPE's local context and industries—automotive, glazing/coatings and pharmacology.

Dr. Huber asked about funding for the federal universities. Professor Maia noted that recently the Brazilian government cut the budgets of all the federal universities—by 25-35%. Students are admitted to these universities by national exam. Once admitted, students pay no tuition. Given the budget cuts, there is interest in engaging in more research with private-sector partners. Professor Patel asked about international students at UFPE. Professor Maia said that they're mostly from Germany, France, other Latin American countries, and some of the other Portuguese-speaking countries like Angola and Mozambique.

Dr. Poag introduced Professor Mizrahi-Barak, a faculty member at Université Paul Valéry Montpellier 3 in France. She is a faculty member in English and works with international programs. She's interested in collaborating with the UB Arts Management Program on a semester exchange of master's students. She brings a refreshing critical perspective to

international exchange. Through the SUNY consortium, undergraduates at UB can already access a student exchange with Montpellier 3 administered by Geneseo. Professor Mizrahi-Barak noted that their arts management program is a good match to UB's, so exchanging students is a realistic proposition. Montpellier 3 has 13-14 partnerships in the US. It has flexible offerings depending on the language level. Professor Flaugh reported that undergraduate students from the French Program have had a good experience at Paul Valery.

## **II. Report on the Implementation of the Inclusion and Engagement of International Students—Peter Biehl**

Professor Biehl reported on a meeting the previous Friday (October 20) with Provost Zukoski, Vice Provost Sean Sullivan and Vice President Scott Weber. The Provost was impressed by the presentation of the implementation report and is committed to moving forward on implementation. The issue that remains to be resolved is how the implementation will be led and coordinated.

## **III. Report from the Vice Provost for International Education—Stephen C. Dunnett**

Professor Dunnett reported on the updated policy on degree programs delivered overseas with the sponsorship of foreign partners. This was recently revised and approved by the Vice Provost and by Vice President Laura Hubbard, whose office is responsible for evaluating the contract, business plan and financing of any new offshore program. These policies regulate programs like the ones in Singapore and India. The revised policy also clarifies the process for getting approval locally. Professor Dunnett noted that SUNY borrowed the UB policy in implementing their own policy a few years ago and then tried to apply it to regulate UB programs. Professor Dunnett also reported that he, the president, Dean Folks, and Dean Tesluk would soon be traveling to Bangalore, India for the commencement for the two UB twinning programs with Amrita University. While in India, the President is showing the deans several other potential partner institutions in India in Ahmedabad, Mumbai, and Bangalore. Mr. Leong reported that 86 guests had so far registered for the Alumni Association event in Bangalore to coincide with the graduation; more than 100 guests are expected. Professor Dunnett announced that Ellen Dussourd, Director of International Student and Scholar Services, is expecting to retire by the end of January 2018. A search has begun for her successor; the position of director is now posted on UBJobs, with an external deadline of Dec. 2.

## **IV. Member Reports on Summer International Activities**

Professor Biehl invited members to report on their international activities during the past summer. Professor Engel reported on the Law and Society meeting in Mexico City with 4000+ attendees, with more Latin American participants than ever before. Secondly, Engel is working with six Law and Society colleagues from Asia to contribute articles for a journal he edits. These are very bright and talented scholars—from Vietnam, India, Thailand, and Singapore. They are learning how to work with data and do research. Engel also visited Cheong Chi University in Taiwan as visiting scholar. Chris Hollister from University Libraries reported on his conference in St. Malo in France and on his project working with colleagues at the Singapore Institute of Management to reduce textbook costs for the program. To date, UB Libraries has provided access to 52 e-textbooks in 50 courses, with a

cost-savings of \$105,000. Mr. Hollister received a grant to further investigate this project and will travel to Singapore to collect data in spring semester. Mr. Leong reported on his trips overseas to engage the 30,000 UB alumni living in other countries, particularly in Asia. He noted the current strategic planning process in Alumni Engagement that addresses what the office will be doing internationally. Ms. Odrzywolski reported on the ongoing development of new study abroad programs. Dr. Huber reported on her program to Tanzania during summer, which received good press thanks to the fact that a photographer from University Communications accompanied the group. The new Experiential Learning Network (ELN) is offering seed funding to faculty to develop experiential learning opportunities through trips course development and experimenting with how to take this model. She is experimenting with a COIL course with a Mexican partner. Dr. Huber noted that the Global Partners Studio will help facilitate faculty involvement in international partnerships, including new ones in Ghana and Costa Rica.

Professor Hong reported on his work in studying media in Asia. He has hosted visiting scholars from China, Korea, and Japan. Four scholars from China are visiting him this year. His research focuses on new media and its impact on politics. Dr. Poag reported on the Study Abroad Incubator conducted in June and the programs that so far have emerged from that program. He noted that these new programs have emerged collaboratively. Dr. Oak, who works on research administration including Canadian studies, had the chance to work this summer on the Chinese conference on GIS, which had their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference at UB. The former UB graduate students who founded their GIS organization at UB have become global leaders in the field. The linguistic capacity of the participants was impressive, as all the papers were presented in English. Professor Critelli reported on her COIL course on human rights with two Mexican institutions—Tijuana and LaSalle. She has been recruited for a new project in community development in Haiti (learning through development). The UB School of Social Work is involved in doing a needs assessment in the social service sector for the project. So far, she has made two trips to Haiti to interview local community members. Ms. Falzarano helps administer graduate programs in the School of Management—of the 400 new students this fall, 250 are international. In June she helped host Amrita students from MITS program. She is currently working on developing international trips for graduate students—in spring to Prague and Budapest. Last year students traveled to Warsaw and Budapest. New study abroad programs are being developed in Riga, Latvia and in Costa Rica through the assistance of Dr. Poag. These trips can leverage the School's endowment funding. Dr. Vahapoglu reported on her summer trip to Uganda addressing public health projects—major projects that have broader applicability globally. She works for the Community of Global Health Equity on developing partnerships. She visited India to help to develop rotations. Six UB students may participate in the Live-in-Labs program at Amrita—while this is not credit-bearing on the UB side it is embedded in a course here. She also visited Costa Rica with the Incubator to explore opportunities there for global health students. Christine Human reported on her activities. Professor John Atkinson's program in Costa Rica is oversubscribed and the challenge is to find more opportunities. Professor Jim Jensen is working on a global engineering minor. Dr. Human recently welcomed the latest group of students from Istanbul Technical University in Turkey. Professor Lewis noted that she visited Montpellier five years ago. This summer she had research trips to Taiwan and Geneva. The Law School has just signed a new exchange agreement with the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. Professor Lewis is once again running a winter program in Wellington, New Zealand. There is an uptick in

interest in these international opportunities. Two new LLM programs have been launched that are geared to international markets—Cross-Border Legal Studies and Environmental Law.

Professor Patel reported on teaching in a summer school in Denmark, which he has been doing for the past eight years. He worked with colleagues at the University of Copenhagen. He also visited Gdansk Medical University to work with colleagues there. Professor Welch reported on his cruise in Asia to 6 countries. He and Jeannette Ludwig recently donated 2100 images from their travels to the UB Library collections—select photos may be seen in 17 Norton, 109 Capen, and in the Silverman Library. Professor Stone took a group of UB students to Brazil in August for 3 weeks to help them understand how a free universal health care system works. They visited Rio and several smaller cities to experience different aspects of Brazilian health care and culture. Eight Brazilians recently visited UB in return. This program has been running since 2004. John is working on follow up study on the participants to assess the impact on their subsequent academic career and employment. Dr. Huber said she would be interested in working with Professor Stone on pre- and post-instruments. Professor Biehl thanked Council members for sharing their interesting summer activities.

#### **V. Council Business**

Dr. Wood reminded members of the upcoming Award Luncheon honoring Professor David Engel on Nov. 14 in the CFA Atrium. Nomination materials for the 2018 award were distributed in the meeting packets, with a deadline for nominations of March 30.

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**Attendance at the Meeting, October 25, 2017**

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| Present: | Tilman Baumstark<br>Peter Biehl, Chair<br>Oscar Budde (ex officio)<br>Filomena Critelli<br>Kathy L. Curtis<br>Stephen C. Dunnett (ex officio)<br>David M. Engel<br>Jaimie Falzarano<br>Christian Flaugh<br>Christopher Hollister<br>Junhao Hong<br>Maria S. Horne<br>Mara Huber<br>Christine Human<br>Wei Loon Leong<br>Meredith Kolsky Lewis<br>H. Lorraine Oak<br>Mary Odrzywolski (ex officio)<br>Mulchand S. Patel<br>Trevor Poag (ex officio)<br>John H. Stone<br>Lisa Vahapoglu<br>Claude E. Welch, Jr.<br>John J. Wood, Secretary | Faculty Affairs<br>Anthropology<br>UB Immigration Services<br>Social Work<br>English Language Institute<br>International Education<br>Law<br>Management<br>Romance Languages and Literatures<br>University Libraries<br>Communication<br>Theatre and Dance<br>Undergraduate Education<br>Engineering and Applied Sciences<br>Alumni Engagement<br>Law<br>College of Arts and Sciences<br>Study Abroad Programs<br>Biochemistry<br>International Education<br>Public Health and Health Professions<br>Community for Global Health Equity<br>Political Science<br>International Education |
| Guests:  | Judith Misrahi Barak<br>Paulo Angeiras de Goes<br>Maria Alves Maia   | Université Paul Valéry Montpellier 3<br>UNFP, Brazil<br>UNFP, Brazil  |
| Excused: | Janina Brutt-Griffler<br>Barbara B. Bunker<br>Yu-Ping Chang<br>Colleen Culleton<br>Ellen Dussourd (ex officio)<br>David Fertig<br>Graham Hammill<br>Daniel Hess<br>Joseph J. Hindrawan (ex officio)<br>Shaun A. Irlam<br>EunHee Lee<br>Zhiqiang Liu<br>Donald McGuire<br>Jessie P.H. Poon<br>Pavani Ram<br>Steven L. Shaw (ex officio)<br>Othman Shibly<br>Lillian S. Williams   | Graduate School of Education<br>Psychology<br>Nursing<br>Romance Languages and Literatures<br>International Student and Scholar Services<br>Linguistics<br>Graduate School<br>Architecture and Planning<br>International Enrollment Management<br>Comparative Literature<br>Asian Studies<br>Economics, Confucius Institute<br>Classics<br>Geography<br>Community for Global Health Equity<br>International Admissions<br>Dental Medicine<br>Transnational Studies  |