

## **COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PROGRAMS**

### **Minutes of the Meeting, September 26, 2018**

#### **I. Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of the Minutes of the April 2018 Meeting—Peter Biehl, Chair**

Draft minutes from the previous CISP meeting were approved as distributed. Professor Peter Biehl introduced the interim vice provost for international education, John J. Wood. Professor Stephen Dunnett (ex officio) is continuing to oversee UB's overseas sponsored programs during this year of transition. Professor Walter Hakala was introduced as the new director of Asian Studies. Professor Katharina Azim from the Department of Psychology succeeds Barbara Bunker, one of the longest-standing CISP members and former chair of the Council; and Dr. Lisa Vahapoglu is the new representative for the Community for Global Health Equity. Katie Tudini was welcomed as the new director for International Student Services. Caitlin Rioux has recently been appointed as international student inclusion and engagement coordinator in International Student Services. Katie Fassbinder is the assistant resident director of the SIM program. Guests are Ann Bisantz, professor of industrial and systems engineering and dean of undergraduate education; and Danielle LaMarre-Smith, director of the UB curriculum.

#### **II. Conversation with Professor Ann Bisantz, Dean of Undergraduate Education**

Professor Bisantz noted that the reputation of UB's international offices is strong and that the efforts of the university's international office are positively recognized by the international students who come to UB. A UB Curriculum (UBC) handout was distributed, and Professor Bisantz and Danielle LaMarre-Smith, went through a presentation on the UBC. Under the new program, all students complete their undergraduate studies having a shared intellectual experience regardless of major. A key part of this experience are the thematic and global pathways. The Global Pathway offers three distinct tracks—Global Reflections, Language and Culture, and International Experience, which can be fulfilled through study abroad in a variety of ways. Up to this point, 13,924 students have selected pathways in the Path Finder tool. It was noted that language enrollments started to decline with the implementation of the Global Pathway, which replaced the language requirement in the previous General Education Program. It appears fewer students are choosing to study language through the Global Pathway.

Professor Hakala asked what the rationale was to have Engineering courses as the third course in the pathways without any obvious connection to the pathway topic. Professor Culleton noted that there is a barrier to smaller departments offering more pathway-approved courses in that some courses are not offered on a regular enough basis; and a

pathway course requires a back-up instructor, which is not always possible for courses offered by smaller departments.

### **III. Report from the Chair—Peter Biehl**

Professor Biehl reported that 38 students from Nazarbayev University in Astana, Kazakhstan spent summer session 1 taking courses at UB. As a result, Dr. Christine Human and Professor Biehl have been invited to visit Nazarbayev University to finalize the commitment to send another group of Nazarbayev students to UB next summer. Nazarbayev University also hopes to establish a study abroad program for UB students. Human and Biehl will explore opportunities for UB to partner with Nazarbayev and a consortium of universities involved in the Heritage Alliance of the Silk Road.

It was suggested that UB could facilitate more on-campus study abroad programs for groups of international students during the summer—this is a missed opportunity. Professor Dunnett said that at present UB lacks the infrastructure to host summer programs, including a summer program office and dining and other support services. This makes it difficult for UB to compete with successful summer programs such as those offered by UCLA, Berkeley, etc.

### **IV. Report from the Interim Vice Provost—John J. Wood**

- **Update on the SIM Program—Stephen Dunnett and Katie Fassbinder, Assistant Resident Director**

The UB-SIM undergraduate program had its 14<sup>th</sup> graduation this year. Professor Biehl attended the graduation on behalf of the Dean of the College of Arts and Science Robin Schulze. There was a big alumni reception held in Singapore with a turnout of around 250. Next year there will be a special 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration during the graduation at SIM. Ms. Fassbinder reported that the implementation of the UB Curriculum at SIM was deferred one year but is now proceeding smoothly. The first students to do the UB Curriculum Capstone will do so in the spring of 2019. The SIM program currently enrolls 1,540 students, and 38 SIM students will study in Buffalo during the spring semester.

- **Fall Enrollment Report—Steven Shaw**

A handout labeled “Fall 2018 International Enrollment” was distributed in the member folders. Mr. Shaw reported that the freshman enrollment was better than feared, but transfers are becoming more difficult, domestically and internationally—there were only 99 new transfer students this semester. All told there are 1,732 international undergraduate students, with the majority coming from China; and 2,904 international

graduate students, with the majority from India. One member noted that UB has 1% of the total population of students from India in the United States. Enrollment by students from Turkey declined due to the dramatically decreased value of the Turkish currency.

- **International Student Services—Katie Tudini**

International Student Services (ISS) is currently reviewing immigration policies to better understand immigration roadblocks and to assess compliance measures within the office. ISS is becoming more proactive in its communication of immigration status-related messages and deadlines. The stakes are higher now to clearly communicate since students accrue time in “unlawful status” the moment their status eligibility terminates. ISS is also looking to better integrate international orientation with the domestic orientation programming. There is also a stress on prioritizing inclusion programming to facilitate the integration of students into campus life.

- **Inclusion and Engagement RFP/International Education Week—Caitlin Rioux**

Caitlin Rioux shared the call for proposals going out to academic units to create more inclusion and engagement initiatives. ISS will award grants of \$1,000 – \$6,000 to be used for programming and/or cross-cultural training within the department. Proposals should be submitted by mid-November. International Education Week will keep its cornerstone events such as the world bazaar and the study abroad photo exhibition, but will no longer offer a keynote address—the funds from which will now be allocated toward incentivizing student groups to participate in cross-cultural programming. ISS has created a student programming and advisory board in an effort to better serve both international and domestic students.

- **Mary Odrzywolski, Trevor Poag, and Oscar Budde—items will be deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.**

**V. Council Business—CISP Award Luncheon honoring Jessie Poon and Christine Human: November 27 at noon, CFA Atrium**

Dr. Mara Huber, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, has invited all CISP members to a breakfast on Monday morning from 9:00 – 10:00am in the Buffalo Room, where the provost will be giving remarks welcoming participants in the Global Partner Studio, which continues throughout next week.

## Council on International Studies and Programs

Attendance, September 26, 2018

Present:	Katharina Azim	Psychology
	Tilman Baumstark	Faculty Affairs
	Peter Biehl, Chair	Anthropology/College of Arts and Sciences
	Janina Brutt-Griffler	Graduate School of Education
	Oscar Budde (ex officio)	UB Immigration Services
	Colleen Culleton	Romance Languages and Literatures
	Kathy L. Curtis	English Language Institute
	Stephen C. Dunnett (ex officio)	International Education
	David Fertig	Linguistics
	Walter Hakala	Asian Studies
	Daniel Hess	Architecture and Planning
	Joseph J. Hindrawan (ex officio)	International Enrollment Management
	Junhao Hong	Communication
	Maria S. Horne	Theatre and Dance
	Mara Huber	Undergraduate Education
	Christine Human	Engineering and Applied Sciences
	Wei Loon Leong	Alumni Engagement
	Meredith Kolsky Lewis	Law
	Zhiqiang Liu	Economics, Confucius Institute
	Mary Odrzywolski (ex officio)	Study Abroad Programs
	Trevor Poag (ex officio)	International Education
	Jessie P.H. Poon	Geography
	Steven L. Shaw (ex officio)	International Admissions
	Dorothy Siaw-Asamoah	Management
	John H. Stone	Public Health and Health Professions
	Katie Tudini (ex officio)	International Student Services
	Lisa Vahapoglu	Community for Global Health Equity
	Claude E. Welch, Jr.	Political Science
	Lillian S. Williams	Transnational Studies
	John J. Wood (ex officio)	International Education
Guests:	Ann Bisantz	Undergraduate Education
	Katie Fassbinder	SIM Program
	Danielle LaMarre-Smith	UB Curriculum
	Caitlin Rioux	International Student Services
Excused:	Yu-Ping Chang	Nursing
	Filomena Critelli	Social Work
	David Engel	Law
	Christian Flaugh	Romance Languages and Literature
	Graham Hammill	Graduate School
	Christopher Hollister	University Libraries
	Shaun Irlam	Comparative Literature
	Donald McGuire	Classics
	Lorraine Oak	College of Arts and Sciences
	Muchand Patel	Biochemistry
	Othman Shibly	Dental Medicine