The University of Texas at Dallas

International Education Development Committee

(IEDC)

Meeting - Thursday, February 22, 2018

Minutes

Attending: Avery Ausborne (on behalf of Wray Weldon), John Van Der Schans, Rodolfo Hernandez, Lisabeth Lassiter, Manuel Quevedo, Jane Salk, Michael Michael Seeligson (on behalf of Edward Harpham), Marion Underwood, and Leticia Zamarripa.

Absent: Andrew Blanchard, Sravya Boppuri, Serenity King, Jennifer Mcdowell, Jessica Murphy, Sanaz Okhovat, and Anvar Zakhidov.

Guests: Poras Balsara, Marilyn Kaplan, Victoria McCrady.

1. Welcome remarks

Rodolfo welcomed IEDC members and guests to the third IEDC meeting. He thanked IEDC members for their participation and invited them to review the agenda and share recommendations regarding the order of the meeting. No further comments regarding the order of the agenda.

Due to the absence of quorum, Rodolfo recommended the electronic submission of proposals and minutes to IEDC members for their review after this IEDC’s meeting. Present IEDC members agreed.

2. Introduction of Guests

Rodolfo introduced and welcomed guests.

3. Announcements / Updates

   i. TIEC

   Leticia and Rodolfo reported that that the International Center (IC) hosted a session on how Texas universities can cooperate with Meridian, a nonprofit, global leadership organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. that prepares U.S. and international leaders to meet global challenges and opportunities, particularly with emerging regions such as Africa. The session was offered in collaboration with the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC) on February 13, 2018, with the participation of Texas Woman’s University, Tarleton State University (Texas A&M), and UT Dallas. The opportunity to partner with Meridian may be in alignment with the current institutional efforts of international recruitment. **Action Item:** Rodolfo will share the opportunity with Dr. Juan Gonzalez, Task Force Chair for International Recruitment.

   ii. AIEA 2018
Rodolfo reported the participation of Leticia and himself in the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) 2018 conference from February 17 to 21, 2018, in Washington D.C., highlighting the quality of the program to share and innovate best practices with senior international officers (SIOs). Particularly Leticia participated in the workshop *International Student Recruitment: Trends, Hot Topics, and Key Considerations for SIOs*. **Action Item:** Leticia will share workshop notes with Dr. Juan Gonzalez.

Rodolfo welcomed IEDC members to be part of the AIEA with an individual membership based on the IC’s institutional membership.

iii. **Davis Program**

Rodolfo communicated that the Davis Program information was submitted to the Task Force for International Recruitment, whose members will issue a final recommendation regarding the potential affiliation of UT Dallas with this program.

iv. **CUE approval of 2 full time semesters for under students to participate in study abroad programs, exchange programs, independent studies or internships.**

On behalf of Dean Murphy, Rodolfo confirmed that the new language for the undergraduate catalog for international education was approved by CEP and Senate:

“Students are required to have completed two full time semesters prior to participation in study abroad programs, exchange programs, independent studies or internships”

v. **UT Dallas delegation in Germany 02.2018**

Lisabeth and Rodolfo reported the successful visit of the UT Dallas delegation to Philipps-Universität Marburg (Marburg) and Technical University of Munich (TUM), Germany, February 4 – 11, 2018. The members of the delegation were

i. Dr. Gene Fitch, Vice President for Student Affairs.
ii. Dr. Denis Dean, Dean, School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences
iii. Dr. Juan Gonzalez, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
iv. Dr. Francesca M. Filbey, Cognition and Neuroscience Program Head, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences
v. Dr. Mario Rotea, Mechanical Engineering Program Head, Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science (only TUM)
vi. Ms. Lisabeth Lassiter, Director, Education Abroad
vii. Dr. Rodolfo Hernandez Guerrero, International Partnership Development Director

In the case of Marburg, the delegation was able to elaborate deeper conversations to diversify the existing portfolio of cooperation between both institutions, particularly in fields such as neuroscience, spatial, and natural sciences. Also it was an opportunity to
review best practices for the implementation of the exchange and dual degree ipoec master programs. **Action Item:** Lisabeth and Rodolfo will follow up with relevant campus stakeholders to share outcomes of the visit, particularly regarding the implementation of the dual degree program agreement and student exchange program agreement, respectively.

In the case of TUM, the delegation was able to engage in initial conversations with TUM officers and faculty to formalize a partnerships between both institutions, beginning with a student exchange program agreement.

In both cases, it was emphasized the importance of the articulation of transfer of credits to enhance academic efficiency in the mobility of students. Host institutions agreed.

vi. **SACSCOC on-site review: UT Dallas’ QEP - Orbit: Keeping New Comets on Course.**

Per guidance of Serenity King, Rodolfo invited IEDC members to overview one page document that provided a summary of key components of the UT Dallas’ Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) *Orbit: Keeping New Comets on Course* in preparation for the SACSCOC on-site review occurs March 5-8. Also Rodolfo invited IEDC members to share the document with community members to enhance the broad general knowledge of the UT Dallas QEP.

Rodolfo requested IEDC members to share questions or observations regarding the announcements / updates. No further discussion.

4. **Consent Agenda**

As agreed at the beginning of the meeting, consent items will be submitted electronically to IEDC members for their analysis and deliberation.

i. IEDC January 2018 meeting minutes

ii. Memorandum of Understanding between UT Dallas JSOM Executive Education Project Management Program and The University of Cumbria, United Kingdom.

5. **Dr. T. Balsara, Interim Dean, Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science: International Education: Vision from EJS’ perspective.**

In collaboration with IPD, Dr. Balsara gave an overview of the existing portfolio of partnerships of the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science, highlighting

- In general 13 partnerships: 4 in Europe, 5 in Asia, and 4 in the Americas.
- In particular
  - 1 degree program agreement with the National Center for Scientific Research Demokritos, Greece.
  - 1 student exchange program agreement with Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Spain.
- In partnership with NSM, a partnership with University College Cork – National University of
• A new student exchange program agreement in process of negotiation with Technical University of Munich (TUM).

In addition, Dr. Balsara emphasized on

• the importance of designing and pursuing strategic intentional efforts to recruit international students to diversify the UT Dallas international student population, recognizing the talent of such countries as Brazil and Chile.
• the relevance of offering competitive scholarships and fellowships to retain international talent.
• the strategic partnerships with local industry, embassies, and consulates to strengthen the leadership and visibility of UT Dallas.
• the development of students’ labor skills to enhance their success with U.S. industries and corporations through internships, OPT, etc.
• the design of meaningful partnerships that would bring added value to the existing UT Dallas curricula.
• the principles of inclusiveness and equality to design a sustainable international education agenda.
• the relevance to measure the internationalization of UT Dallas, particularly the success of international partnerships.

Discussion: IEDC members welcomed Dean Balsara’s vision, elaborating about the global approach of higher education internationalization, which includes not only the participation of international students, but also the participation of domestic students. IEDC members reflected on the challenges to actively engage international and domestic students, sharing some practices such as the iFriend program.

Rodolfo thanked Dean Balsara and invited him to consider IEDC as resource to assist in the internationalization of EJS. Also he was invited to share additional perspectives and/or topics that can contribute to IEDC’s debates and deliberations in the future.

6. Partnership Proposals

As agreed at the beginning of the meeting, partnership proposals will be submitted electronically to IEDC members for their analysis and deliberation.

i. Degree Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and O.P. Jindal Global University – Bachelor of Business Administration.

ii. Degree Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and O.P. Jindal Global University – Master of Business Administration.

iii. Degree Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and O.P. Jindal Global University – Master of Science in Business Analytics.

iv. Degree Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and O.P. Jindal Global University – Master of Science in International Management Studies.
v. Degree Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and O.P. Jindal Global University – Master of Science in Information Technology and Management.

vi. Degree Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and O.P. Jindal Global University – Master of Science in Management Science.

vii. Degree Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and O.P. Jindal Global University – Master of Science in Supply Chain Management.

7. Discussion Items
   i. IEDC charge and purpose – Serenity

Per request of Serenity, this topic will discussed in the next IEDC meeting.

ii. Publication of minutes – Rfo

Rodolfo recommended the publication of IEDC’s minutes in the IEDC web page. IEDC members agreed. **Action Item**: Rodolfo will follow up accordingly.

iii. Articulation of transfer of credits / tables / process – Lisabeth

After presenting Education Abroad Office’s perspectives, including references to best practices and benchmarking, Lisabeth invited IEDC members to discuss how to validate the tables of transfer of credits for student exchange program agreements.

Victoria argued against the publication of the articulation of transfer of credits to prevent mis-expectations for the students. IEDC members explained the reasons of the existing practice of the articulation of transfer of credits, emphasizing on the institutional consensus to implement it, including the publication of the tables of transfer of courses per exchange program in Education Abroad terradotta ([http://utdallas-ea.terradotta.com/](http://utdallas-ea.terradotta.com/)).

Due to time, Rodolfo requested IEDC members to continue the conversation of this topic in the next IEDC meeting. IEDC agreed.

iv. Number of credit hours for short term programs: max of 15 c/h per week per course, no more than two courses – Lisabeth

Due to time this topic was not discussed and will be included in the next IEDC meeting.

v. Length of time to execute a partnership after IEDC’s recommendation for approval and implementation – Rfo

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8. Other business

Rodolfo invited IEDC members to present any additional topics for this meeting. No further topics.

Adjournment
Rodolfo thanked IEDC members for their time and guidance.