The University of Texas at Dallas
International Education Development Committee

Meeting - Thursday, January 25, 2018

Minutes

Attending: Avery Ausborne (on behalf of Wray Weldon), Andrew Blanchard, Edward Harpham, Rodolfo Hernandez, Serenity King, Lisabeth Lassiter, Haris Pepermintwala (on behalf of John Van Der Schans), Manuel Quevedo, Jane Salk, Marion Underwood, Anvar Zakhidov, and Leticia Zamarripa.

Absent: Sravya Boppuri, Jennifer Mcdowell, Jessica Murphy, Sanaz Okhovat, and Wray Weldon.

Guests: Juan Gonzalez, Marilyn Kaplan, Victoria McCrady, Michael Seeligson, and Stephen Spiro.

1. Welcome remarks

Rodolfo welcomed IEDC members and guests to the second 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.

Rodolfo took the opportunity to communicate that regretfully Dr. Murphy was not able to attend the meeting, sharing her best wishes for a successful meeting.

2. Introduction of Guests

Rodolfo introduced and welcomed guests.

3. Announcements

IEDC members shared announcements:

- Lisabeth announced deadline(s) for education abroad programs for summer 2018.
- Leticia shared the visit of Dr. José Manuel Páez, Vice-rector for International Affairs, and Patricia Montaño, Director of International Planning and Cooperation, Monterrey Tech., Mexico, to UT Dallas on January 24, meeting International Center (IC) personnel and Provost.
- In addition, Leticia announced the visit of a UT Dallas delegation to Marburg University (Marburg) and Technical University of Munich (TUM), Germany, during the first week of February. The members of the delegation will be:
  - Dr. Gene Fitch, Vice President for Student Affairs.
  - Dr. Denis Dean, Dean, School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences
  - Dr. Juan Gonzalez, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
  - Dr. Francesca M. Filbey, Cognition and Neuroscience Program Head, School of
The delegation will strengthen the existing cooperation with Marburg, particularly in new areas such as geo sciences, natural sciences, and neurosciences. In TUM, the delegation will initiate academic conversations to explore opportunities of cooperation, including student exchange mobility. Dr. Fitch will lead the delegation with IC’s coordination. **Action item:** outcomes of the visits will be reported to the IEDC.

- Rodolfo confirmed that the UT Dallas – Mexico Summer Research Program 2018 will be offered in partnership with the U.S. Embassy in Mexico and the Association of Mexican Universities (ANUIES). He took the opportunity to thank Dr. Juan Gonzalez for his academic leadership to match students with UT Dallas mentors, enhancing the success of the program. Dr. Gonzalez explained that this program has been offered for more than 10 years, becoming an instrument of graduate recruitment with scholarships from the UT Dallas – Mexican Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT) partnership. The program will host 15 undergraduate junior – senior students during the months of June and July.

4. **Consent Agenda**

Before requesting a motion, Rodolfo asked IEDC members if they have questions or observations about the consent agenda, which has been a useful method to approve minutes and general terms of international partnerships: Agreements of Cooperation - Memoranda of Understanding and Affiliation Agreements, enhancing efficiency and the use of time during IEDC’s meetings. No comments from IEDC members. Rodolfo invited IEDC members to contact him regarding the consent agenda, if needed.

Consent items:

i. IEDC November 2017 meeting minutes

ii. Agreement of Cooperation between UT Dallas Alan MacDiarmid NanoTech Institute and the Institute of Polymer Chemistry and Physics, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Uzbekistan. Sponsor: Anvar Zakhidov, NSM.

iii. Agreement of Cooperation between UT Dallas EJS and MIT-World Peace University, India. Sponsor: Gopal Gupta, EJS.

iv. Memorandum of Understanding between UT Dallas Hobson Wildenthal Honors Program College and Chien–Shiung Wu College (Honors) at Southeast University, P.R. China. Sponsor: Edward Harpham, Honors Program.

v. Memorandum of Understanding between UT Dallas JSOM and The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, P.R. China. Sponsor: Marilyn Kaplan, JSOM.

vi. Affiliation Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and Jindal global Business School at O.P. Jindal Global University, India. Sponsor: Marilyn Kaplan, JSOM.
Dr. Blanchard submitted the **motion** to approve the minutes and recommend the approval and implementation of the proposals included in the consent agenda. Seconded by Dr. Harpham. All in favor. Unanimously approved.

5. **Partnership Proposals**
   a. **Student Exchange Program Agreement between UT Dallas and the University of East Anglia (UEA), U.K. Sponsor: Stephen Spiro, NSM**

   Dr. Spiro presented the proposal, giving emphasis on the UEA portfolio of sciences to enhance student exchange mobility in related academic disciplines such as natural sciences and engineering. Serenity shared observations regarding the “dispute resolution” clause, “intellectual property” clause, the absence of the length of time before able to participate in the program, and the extensive additions to the clause 18. Rodolfo explained the long process of negotiation, which included the pre-review of the UT Dallas Attorney and IPD. **Action item:** Rodolfo committed to review these observations to ensure the proposed agreement will be in alignment with UT Dallas guidelines. Rodolfo will respond directly to Serenity (and Michele Lockhart).

   Dr. Blanchard submitted the **motion** to recommend the approval and implementation of the proposal. Seconded by Dr. Harpham. All in favor. Unanimously approved. **Action item:** Rodolfo requested Dr. Spiro to wait for IPD communication, allowing time to review Serenity’s observations, before start collecting signatures.

   b. **Student Exchange Program Agreement between UT Dallas and the University of South Australia (UniSA), Australia. Sponsor: Juan Gonzalez, NSM.**

   Dr. Gonzalez presented the proposal, highlighting the parallel UniSA profile with respect to UT Dallas, particularly in engineering and sciences. Dr. Salk submitted the **motion** to recommend the approval and implementation of the proposal. Seconded by Serenity. All in favor. Unanimously approved.

   c. **Student Exchange Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), Shenzhen, P.R. China. Sponsor: Marilyn Kaplan, JSOM.**

   Ms. McCrady presented the proposal, highlighting the opportunity to exchange JSOM students with a partner with a similar prestige. IEDC members questioned the number of exchange partners in China, in general, and in Hong Kong metropolitan area, in particular, which may dilute the strategic mobility between UT Dallas JSOM students and other key exchange partners. Ms. McCrady observed the geographic location of the institution with respect to other partners in Hong Kong and the solid academic endorsement by JSOM faculty. IEDC members requested: 1) correction of the Letter of Intent (LOI), and 2) revision of clauses: 2.1.1 and 8.0. Dr. Blanchard submitted the **motion** to recommend the approval and implementation of the proposal. Seconded by Dr. Harpham. All in favor. Unanimously approved.

   d. **Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreement (EIIA) between UT Dallas JSOM and University of Economics in Katowice, Poland. Sponsor: Marilyn Kaplan, JSOM.**
Ms. McCrady presented the proposal, highlighting the opportunity to enhance diversity of the JSOM exchange programs portfolio. IEDC members requested: 1) to complete and amend the EIIA based on IPD’s and Attorney’s guidance, 2) the mobility of students should be based on the terms of an executed bilateral student exchange program agreement (SEPA), 3) the Erasmus+ funding should not be a condition to exchange students, and 4) the EIIA must be endorsed by either the Provost or the President – second attachment. Dr. Salk submitted the motion to recommend the approval and implementation of the proposal. Seconded by Dr. Harpham. All in favor. Unanimously approved.

e. Degree Program Agreement (Bachelor of Business Administration) between UT Dallas JSOM and Jindal Global Business School at O.P. Jindal Global University, India. Sponsor: Marilyn Kaplan, JSOM.

Ms. McCrady requested to postpone the review of this proposal.

f. Degree Program Agreement (Master of Science) between UT Dallas JSOM and Jindal Global Business School at O.P. Jindal Global University, India. Sponsor: Marilyn Kaplan, JSOM.

Ms. McCrady requested to postpone the review of this proposal.

6. Task Force for International Recruitment

Dr. Juan Gonzalez, presented the Charge of the Task Force for International Recruitment, recognizing that UT Dallas ranked in ninth highest in the U.S. for hosting international students (Open Doors), while international student population declined in AY2017.

Task Force members: Dinesh Bathia, Juan Gonzalez (Chair), Jessica, Murphy, Monica Powell, Marion Underwood, Josephine Vitta, Wray Weldon, and Leticia Zamarripa,

1. Conduct a needs assessment to determine existing international recruitment efforts at UT Dallas.
2. Identify cost-effective recruitment and engagement strategies employed at other universities that could be replicated near-and long-term at UT Dallas.
3. Recommend strategies for diversifying the international profile by expanding the countries from which UT Dallas recruit capable, quality international students.
4. Recommend strategies to ensure that international students feel part of an environment that supports their academic success.
5. Provide brief bi-weekly updates of the Task Force beginning the third week of January 2018.

Dr. Gonzalez invited IDC members to be part of this effort sharing expertise and insights to make valuable contributions to the Task Force. IEDC members and Dr. Gonzalez exchanged perspectives, including the importance to define strategic approaches to recruit not only international students but also domestic students, while continuing diversifying the UT Dallas community.

Dr. Gonzalez reported that the recommendations from the Task Force will be ready by the end of
the semester of Spring 2018.

Rodolfo thanked Dr. Gonzalez, offered him to consider the IEDC’s support to complement the efforts of the Task Force, and invited him to continue sharing updates with IEDC members. IEDC members wished Dr. Gonzalez’s success in this endeavor.

7. **Discussion Items**
   a. **Davis Program**

   IEDC members requested to submit this topic to the UT Dallas Task Force for International Recruitment for further analysis and final recommendation. Rodolfo asked Dr. Gonzalez for his consent. He graciously accepted. **Action item:** Rodolfo will submit all pertinent Davis Program information to Dr. Juan Gonzalez, who will share to the members of the Task Force, to issue a final recommendation. Rodolfo will advise Dr. Alejandro Rivera, JSOM Assistant Professor and the promoter of the potential UT Dallas affiliation to this program.

   b. **30 c/h requirement for Education Abroad update**

   On behalf of Dr. Murphy, Rodolfo shared that the CUE has recommended the catalog language change from
   
   “Freshmen and lower-division undergraduate transfer students must earn a minimum of 30 semester credit hours at UT Dallas (resident semester credit hours) prior to participating in study abroad programs, exchange programs, independent studies or internships. Upper-division transfer undergraduate students must successfully complete a minimum of 15 semester credit hours at UT Dallas (resident semester credit hours) prior to participating in study abroad programs, exchange programs, independent studies, or internships.”
   
   to
   
   “Students are required to have completed two full time semesters prior to participation in study abroad programs, exchange programs, independent studies or internships.”
   
   CUE will vote on the new language on Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

   c. **Articulation of transfer of credits / tables / process**

   Due to time, Rodolfo postponed this topic for the next IEDC’s meeting.

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

   Due to time, Rodolfo postponed this topic for the next IEDC’s meeting

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.