International Education Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes for Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Members Present: Sheryl Blumenthal, Elma Cabahug, Peijue Chen, Jill Heffron, Larry Klein, David Lisker, Louise Louie (resource), Joanne Low, Sirous Monajami, Natasha Maresca, Cynthia Obenchain, Leslie Pahl, Carol Reitan, Joan Vitorelo, Paul Wong, Michele Zimmerman

Guest Present: Dr. Greg Landau

The meeting was commenced at 2:10 by the chair, Leslie Pahl.

1. Leslie Pahl referred the committee to David Lisker, who had sent out an e-mail regarding a Cantonese program. David Lisker asked committee members to contact him should they have any questions regarding his email concerning the schedule and facilities for the UCB-based Cantonese program at Tsinghua University in Beijing China, site of the future collaborative effort between CCSF, UCB and Tsinghua University, sent as a means to better understand living and working conditions at China's third highest ranked university for expatriate faculty once the program commences. For more information, see http://ieas.berkeley.edu/iup/.

2. Jill Heffron, Study Abroad Coordinator, then presented her agenda items. First, she informed the committee of two new study abroad programs that will start in the upcoming semesters: 1) Winter Break 2006-2007. Dr. Greg Landau will be the program faculty for “Winter Break 2006-2007 in Costa Rica and Nicaragua,” to take place from approximately 12/26 to 1/11. The program will use existing CCSF courses: LALS 70 (2 units) and LALS 15 (3 units). Dr. Landau lived for 10 years in Nicaragua and presented a few details about the new program. Jill Heffron requested that a resolution to recommend the program be put to the committee. A motion was made to do so and was seconded. The vote was: 12 ayes and 0 nays.

(Chair’s note: The resolution, in the following wording, has been forwarded to Fred Teti, Chair of the Academic Policy Committee for inclusion in its agenda for the Monday, February 27, 2006 meeting:

“Resolution 1: Be it resolved that the International Education Advisory Committee recommends the adoption of a Study Abroad program tentatively titled ‘Winter Break 2006-2007 Study Abroad Program in Costa Rica and Nicaragua.’

“The vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays with the chair abstaining constituted 50+1 majority. The program faculty for this program is Dr. Greg Landau. The
program will use existing CCSF courses: Latin American and Latino/a Studies 70 (2 units) and Latin American and Latino/a Studies 15 (3 units). “)

Jill Heffron then mentioned the upcoming “Summer in Oaxaca” program. It will feature an intensive, three-week Spanish Language program, with homestay and optional workshops in subjects such as Oaxacan cooking, ceramics, dancing, Mixtec backstrap loom weaving, and Medical Spanish. She also noted the “Summer in China” program, “Matriarchs, Monasteries & Mountains,” which will take place from June 15-July 3, 2006.

Ms. Heffron then noted that she and Dr. Johnetta Richards from the African-American Studies Department and Dr. Veronica Hunnicutt, Dean of Southeast Campus, have been working together to put together a program in South Africa. This program is in its initial stages of development but since there is about an 18-month period from inception to completion, Jill requested that a vote be put to the committee to recommend the program. A motion was made and seconded with 12 ayes and 0 nays. (Chair's Note: African-American Studies Department Chair Glenn Nance has also been involved in the planning of the potential study abroad program in South Africa.)

(Chair's note: The resolution, in the following wording, has been forwarded to Fred Teti, Chair of the Academic Policy Committee for inclusion in its agenda for the Monday, February 27, 2006 meeting:

“Be it resolved that the International Education Advisory Committee recommends the adoption of a Study Abroad program tentatively titled ‘Winter Break or Summer Study Abroad Program in South Africa.’”

The vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays with the chair abstaining constituted 50+1 majority. The program faculty for this program is Dr. Johnetta Richards. The program will use existing CCSF courses. “)

The next items presented from the Study Abroad program were 1) the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI), which is an effort by the current US administration effort to address national security concerns by increasing the number of Americans learning “critical-need” foreign languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Hindi, and Farsi. The announcement was part of the U.S. University Presidents’ Summit on International Education held in Washington, D.C. and 2) that 2006 has been declared the “Year of Study Abroad.” (Senate Resolution 308).

3. Paul Wong, of International Student Counseling, gave a brief program update. He reported that there were 172 new international students this Spring Semester and compared that with 157 in Spring 2005, so the trend in enrollment is an encouraging upward one.
4. Louise Louie presented a draft of the “conditional acceptance” issue (see minutes of November 14, 2005, Sept. 19, 2005 and April 25, 2005 meetings). With input from various committee members, notably Joan Vitorelo, Joanne Low, and Larry Klein, it was decided that the issue is still in a draft stage and that Louise Louie would best advance the “conditional acceptance” issue to a resolution and recommendation with further working of the language in conjunction with Robert Balestreri.

Louise will follow up on this and report to the committee at its next meeting.

5. Leslie Pahl called an open forum at this point. Elma Cabahug announced a presentation, discussion and book signing by Greg Mortenson called “Three Cups of Tea.” “One man’s mission to fight terrorism and build nations . . . One school at a time.” Date: March 17 from 11-12 noon in the Diego Rivera Theater. Leslie Pahl also noted that program brochures for Study Abroad and a flyer for the Iranian Film Festival were available for any interested parties.

There being no further business, Leslie Pahl adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively set for a Monday at the end of April. An e-mail notice will be sent to all committee members when the date, time, and place have been set.

The minutes were approved following a week-long review period by the committee members. The minutes were submitted by Leslie A. Pahl, Chair, on March 10, 2006