The University of Texas at Dallas
International Education Development Committee
(IEDC)
Meeting – November 29, 2018
Minutes


Absent: Varghese Jacob, Jennifer Mcdowell, Sanaz Okhovat, Manuel Quevedo, and Anvar Zakhidov.

Guests: Marilyn Kaplan and Michele Lockhart

1. Welcome remarks
Diego welcomed IEDC members, thanking them for their time to participate in the meeting.

2. Introduction of guests
Diego introduced and welcomed guests: Marilyn Kaplan and Michele Lockhart.

He invited All to review the agenda and share recommendations regarding the order of the meeting. IEDC members requested to move agenda item 8 (Other business) before the agenda item 7 (UT Dallas Strategic Plan discussion). Diego agreed and thanked IEDC members for their guidance.

3. Announcements / updates
Diego invited IEDC members to share announcements / updates.

i. Visits to Chile | Peru

Diego and Rodolfo reported their trip to Chile and Peru during the first week of November:
   a. Execution of an agreement with the Chilean government (CONICYT) to establish a new agreement to co-sponsor Chilean students to pursue graduate programs at UT Dallas.
   b. Meeting with Peruvian governmental officers (CONCYTEC and PRONABEC) to discuss potential agreements to co-sponsor Peruvian students to pursue graduate programs at UT Dallas.
   c. Participation of UT Dallas in the Peru Science 2018 Fair in Lima, Peru, recruiting graduate students.
   d. Workshop on U.S. higher education, the case of UT Dallas, in Cusco, Peru.
   e. Visits to the Catholic University of Chile, University of Lima, University of El Pacifico, and the Peruvian National University of Engineering.

ii. Adoption of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) language into IPD templates
Per recommendation of the UT Dallas Attorney and Registrar and based on IEDC’s guidance, Rodolfo confirmed that the FERPA language has been incorporated into UT Dallas IPD templates for international partnerships.

iii. 2019: 2.5 articulation of transfer of credit review

Per guidance of IEDC and in alignment with SACSCOC, Rodolfo shared the list of partnerships subject to the 2.5 review during the calendar year 2019. He indicated that the request for the 2.5 review would be submitted to the sponsors of the partnerships.

Discussion: Marilyn shared reservations for this exercise due to the implied intensive labor for UT Dallas schools and partners abroad. She recommended pursuing the revision at the time of the renewals. IEDC members shared pro and cons, recommending following up the conversation by the relevant stakeholders of this exercise such the Provost’s Office, Registrar’s Office, and IPD. Action item: Serenity and Rodolfo agreed to follow up.

iv. Intercultural competence working group

Diego, on behalf of Leticia Zamarripa, Director of Global Engagement, informed that a working group was going to be created to follow up the endorsement and recommendation of the IEDC regarding the Strategic Theme Three, Engage Globally, Supporting Initiative 5: enhance intercultural competence programs for students, faculty and staff to encourage greater understanding, interaction and collaboration within the UT Dallas community. The group will provide guidance to create an implementation plan.

v. Student Government: Study Abroad Survey

Tiancheng shared the progress of the Student Government Study Abroad Survey, committing to present results in the IEDC January 2019 meeting. It was acknowledged the support and guidance from the Office of Undergraduate Studies and the Office of Education Abroad.

No further announcements / updates.

4. IEDC Vice Chair Election

Diego requested to IEDC members to nominate candidates for the IEDC Vice-Chair position. Ted proposed Jessica. Jessica accepted the nomination. Diego asked if anybody else would like to propose another candidate, including self-nominations. No more nominations. Diego requested the submission of a motion to appoint Jessica as IEDC Vice-Chair. Ted submitted the motion, seconded by Andy. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. Jessica was unanimously appointed as IEDC Vice-Chair.

IEDC members congratulated Jessica. Jessica thanked IEDC members. Diego thanked Jessica for accepting this leadership position, while sharing his enthusiasm to work closely with Jessica in the formulation of the internationalization of UT Dallas.
5. **Consent Agenda**

i. **IEDC Minutes – October 2018**

Diego invited IEDC members to review the minutes, requesting a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ted submitted the **motion** to approve the IEDC minutes – October 2018, seconded by Lisabeth. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously. Diego thanked IEDC members.

6. **International Partnerships**

i. **Program Agreement between UT Dallas JSOM and Shandong University of Finance and Economics (SDUFE), China**

Marilyn presented the proposal, highlighting the successful approach from similar program agreements to recruit international students. She explained that the proposal did not compromise, in general, the admission or graduation requirements. Rodolfo requested to complete the draft as appropriate and consult the Dean of Graduate Studies regarding the GRE / GMAT waiver suggested in the document. Marilyn agreed.

Andy submitted the **motion** to recommend the approval and implementation of the program agreement proposal, seconded by Serenity. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. **Discussion:** IEDC members acknowledged that this type of partnerships could assist other schools to enhance international recruitment. The proposal was approved unanimously.

ii. **Addenda: Student Exchange Program Agreement (SEPA) between UT Dallas JSOM and Emlyon Business School, France**

Marilyn presented the proposal of the addenda for the existing Student Exchange Program Agreement (SEPA) between UT Dallas JSOM and Emlyon Business School, France. Marilyn explained that these addenda will permit to incorporate other campuses of Emlyon (Paris, France; Saint Etienne, France; and Marrakech, Morocco) in the SEPA to enhance the sustainability of reciprocity. It was recognized the academic excellence of Emlyon.

Jane submitted the **motion** to recommend the approval and implementation of the addenda, seconded by Tiancheng. All in favor, no abstentions, nobody opposed. **Discussion:** Rodolfo indicated that the addenda were reflecting a different SEPA’s expiration date from IPD’s records, suggesting clarification after the meeting. The proposal was approved unanimously.

**Action item:** Rodolfo will communicate the IEDC’s recommendation to execute and implement the two proposals (PA and Addenda) to the corresponding sponsors.
7. Other business

i. Vetting process for third party providers

Lisabeth presented the vetting process to select third party study abroad providers. She explained that the design of this (best) practice was inspired by other peer institutions, creating a systematic process to select providers that will add value to the EA portfolio – a matrix of the vetting process was presented to IEDC members. Lisabeth explained that now other HE institutions are using the UT Dallas EA vetting process as a reference. If providers meet the EA criteria, EA will be able to propose the affiliation between UT Dallas and the provider to obtain preferential guarantees for students such discounts and/or scholarships. The examination of the providers included risk and safety components. IEDC members thanked Lisabeth for the information. Lisabeth announced that new affiliations are in process to be submitted to the IEDC in collaboration with IPD.

8. UT Dallas Strategic Plan discussion – Implementation

Diego thanked IEDC members for their participation in the previous two meetings, defining vision for the UT Dallas Strategic Plan Theme Three: Engage Globally, Integrate Our Curriculum with the Modern World – an executive summary of IEDC discussions was presented to the IEDC members.

Thus, in preparation for the discussions of implementation in 2019, Diego invited IEDC members to share recommendations and guidance to prepare relevant material and data.

IEDC members recommended

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| i. Increase the number of students in study abroad programs. | • Strengthening current best practices such as scholarships.  
  • Historical data of students’ outbound mobility.  
  o Per school  
  o Per type of mobility  
  o Type of curricula  
  • Measuring the impact of international education programs into students.  
  • Encouraging faculty engagement in faculty led programs such as financial support – fiscal model in process.  
  • External support and/or expertise for faculty led programs. | • Formulation of a 5 – 10 years vision and implementation.  
  • Illustrating geography, outbound mobility, and partnership in one map.  
  • Ultimately creating the campus culture of international education. |
| ii. Encourage all four-year undergraduate students to | • Intentionally engaging the academic curricula into global |
| complete one course in a topic related to globalization or diversity of traditions. | education.  
• Education Abroad as part of the academic progress toward graduation, e.g. articulation of transfer of credits. |
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| iii. Grow the geographic diversity and scope of partnerships with other universities for additional study abroad and exchange opportunities. | • Strategically defining the growth of the intellectual and geographic diversity of partnerships.  
 o Global climate  
 o Quality control  
 o Visions and perspectives of Deans  
 o Acknowledging UT Dallas character  
 o Faculty mobility and global engagement |
| iv. Provide additional internship and job opportunities through partnerships with companies in North Texas, the U.S., and abroad. | • New affiliations with study abroad providers are in progress. |

**Action item:** The International Center will prepare relevant illustrations to continue this conversation, particularly for the design of the implementation of the internationalization of UT Dallas, in the next IEDC meeting, including low-hanging fruit items.

**Adjournment.**

Diego adjourned the meeting, appreciating the guidance and the support of the IEDC members during this meeting. He wished them All a peaceful, safe, and enjoyable Winter break.