

**Committee on International Education
Annual Report to the Riverside Division
December 3, 2019**

To be received and placed on file:

The International Education Committee of the Academic Senate met three times during the 2018-2019 academic year. Chair Nicole Zur-Nieden was the Systemwide International Education Committee representative and provided updates regarding discussions and issues the committee was reviewing.

Review Items & Consultation

Proposed Revised Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment: The committee reviewed the proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 336. The committee would like to know how this applies to international students and if there are any policies or procedures in place to account for cultural differences and language barriers.

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Proposed Revisions to SVSH Academic Frameworks: The Committee on International Education reviewed the proposed revisions to the policy on sexual violence and sexual harassment. The committee discussed the fact that different cultures may have different norms and thus feels that the policy needs to be implemented in a way that encompasses the language and cultural barrier for international students.

The Committee was also tasked to review the administration, and potential transfer of the UC-Mexus initiative. The committee supported the idea of merging the three entities, UC MEXUS, UC-Mexico Initiative and Casa de California. The merged entity should be able to strengthen the existing programs while improving the efficiency of program administration. It is likely that costs can be lowered due to this suggested co-administration. In summary, given the financial benefits to keeping the program at UCR (no additional financial resources required) and the fact that retaining UC-Mexus is consistent with UCR's international focus, status as an HSI and commitment to diversity, as evidenced perhaps most compellingly by the make-up of our student body, based on these materials the committee strongly supports retaining the Mexico programs at UCR.

The Committee received updates from the Office of International Affairs at each meeting that detailed the Office's initiative and ongoing programs.

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