Committee on International Education  
Annual Report to the Riverside Division  
December 1, 2020

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The International Education Committee of the Academic Senate met three times during the 2019-2020 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 & Consultations:

Campus Review: Campus Five Year Planning Perspectives 2020-2025
The committee reviewed the proposed five-year planning perspectives and had no comments.

The committee discussed numerous pending issues revolving around UCR's international recruitment strategies, interdepartmental communication and cooperation and International services budget cuts. Alongside a few staffing and administration changes, including a new Interim Vice Provost of International Affairs, Marko Princevac, COVID-19 was another large huge closing out the year and the huge impact it had on international services and the overall international experience UCR was able to offer current and new students. The committee worked with both University Extension and International affairs to brainstorm new revenue sources as well as new program options that could benefit international and local students. Overall, the committee felt confident that they can help strengthen communication between international related departments and help advance the new plans presented by UCR’s international teams. As part of the plan to strengthen communication between diverse units serving international aspects of the University’s mission and as per the suggestion of the chair, a monthly meeting schedule was adopted before COVID-19 hit and is strongly suggested to be adhered to going forward. Along the same vision, UCIE's chair was invited to be part of the leadership meetings of the administrative international units, which is hoped will enhance interaction and dialog between the administrative and senate units involving UCR’s international mission to the likes of UC Berkeley.

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