The University of Texas at Dallas
International Education Development Committee (IEDC)

Meeting – Thursday, October 31, 2019
MINUTES

Present: Andrea Diaz, Simon Fass, Juan González, Edward Harpham, Bill Hefley, Rodolfo Hernandez, Serenity King, Jennifer McDowell, Jessica Murphy, Michael Seeligson, Yexiao Xu, Conor Wakeman (on behalf of Joseph Pancrazio).

Absent: Ayoub Mohammed, Farial Rahman, Josephine Vitta, Anvar Zakhidov

Guest: Karl Ho, Marilyn Kaplan, Leslie Parks, Meghna Sabharwal

1. Welcome Remarks
Dean González welcomed IEDC members.

2. Introduction of IEDC Guests
Dean González welcomed guests: Karl Ho (EPPS), Marilyn Kaplan (JSOM), Leslie Parks (Development), and Meghna Sabharwal (EPPS).

3. Consent Agenda
Dean González requested IEDC members to review the Consent Agenda, including the minutes from the previous IEDC meeting (September 2019) and the re-submission of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between UT Dallas EPPS and College of Law and Politics, National Chung Hsing University College of Law and Politics, Tai-chung, Taiwan ROC. This proposal was recommended for approval and implementation in the IEDC September 2019 meeting, but the partner institution requested some minor changes of the text without impacting content.

IEDC members approved the Consent Agenda with no abstentions. **Action item**: IPD and EPPS will follow up to execute the MOU.
4. Announcements / Updates

Conor explained the role of the Office of Research to facilitate institutional risks analyses to identify potential risks and/or conflicts of interest in international partnerships and foreign guests | delegations visiting the campus. He acknowledged the collaboration between his office and Human Resources and International Student’s Services Office (ISSO).

IEDC guests and members shared perspectives of the risks of higher education internationalization, welcoming this support to ensure UT Dallas’ protection in its efforts of internationalization.

5. International Partnerships

i. Student Exchange Program Agreement (SEPA) between UT Dallas JSOM and Deakin University, Victoria, Australia – Sponsor: Dr. Marilyn Kaplan.

Dr. Kaplan presented the proposal, sharing the academic parity between UT Dallas JSOM and Deakin, and the interest of JSOM students to participate in the proposed program.

Dean Gonzalez asked Conor and Rodolfo if there were any concerns from the perspective of their offices. Conor indicated no risks for this proposal. Rodolfo requested the inclusion of the UT Dallas Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost as signatory instead of the UT Dallas President since the partnership was proposed at the school level.

Dr. King submitted the motion to approve the proposed partnership with the recommendation of Rodolfo. Dr. Harpham seconded the motion. None opposed, no abstentions. All in favor. The proposal was unanimously approved. Action item: IPD and JSOM will follow up to execute the SEPA.

ii. Student Exchange Program Agreement (SEPA) between UT Dallas and the School of Business at Lucerne University of
Dr. Sabharwal presented the proposal, sharing some historical context of the initiative, including Skype conversations with HSLU officers to design the program. It was clarified that the program would allow the participation of JSOM students. It was acknowledged that this would be the first exchange program in Switzerland, enhancing the Education Abroad portfolio.

Dean Gonzalez asked Conor and Rodolfo if there were any concerns from the perspective of their offices. Conor indicated no risks for this proposal. Rodolfo requested the endorsement of the articulation of transfer of credits by EPPS officers.

Dr. Harpham submitted the motion to approve the proposed SEPA. Dr. King seconded the motion. None opposed, no abstentions. All in favor. The proposal was unanimously approved. **Action item:** IPD and EPPS will follow up to execute the SEPA.

### 6. Discussion Item

**a.** Discussion on how to include education abroad on our student’s degree plans (Murphy/González).

Dean Murphy shared perspectives and challenges to enhance the inclusion of education abroad program into the student’s degree plans. IEDC members recognized the importance to design systematic processes such as appropriate advising for the students and training of staff and academic officers in the different schools, shaping gradually the capacity and culture of UT Dallas. In that respect, Dr. Kaplan shared recent JSOM efforts.

Thus, Dr. Fass submitted the motion to encourage the Council for Undergraduate Education (CUE) to have this conversation. Dr. King seconded the motion. One abstention. None opposed. Thus, the motion was approved with one abstention.
b. Discussion of Faculty-Led Programs at UT Dallas (Rankin, Gooch, and Murphy)

Dr. Gooch, Dr. Rankin, and Dr. Murphy shared their experiences leading UT Dallas programs abroad, observing challenges:

- Cost of participation for the students (tuition, plus logistical costs such as airfare, insurance, etc.).
- The required time and energy to design and promote the program.
- The high level of commitment to lead students abroad.
- The limited institutional capacity to transfer successfully the leadership of the program to other(s).
- The absence of a homogenous formula to sponsor faculty led programs.
- Ultimately, what should be the motivation of faculty to lead programs abroad?
- How to evaluate the use of Study Abroad providers (absorbing the corresponding liability).

Dean Gonzalez and IEDC members thanked Dr. Gooch, Dr. Rankin, and Dean Murphy, while sharing perspectives to enhance a central support for faculty led programs.

**Meeting Adjourned**