Meeting Minutes – January 13th, 2016

1. CIC Student Summit

* The Council for Institutional Cooperation, comprised of 14 schools, is organizing a conference about integration of international and domestic students
* It will take place on April 7-8 at Penn State
* OIA will sponsor two undergraduate students (2nd or 3rd years) to attend the conference, one international (from ISAB) and one domestic student, to talk about some of the issues with integration
* Will decide who will go in February. An email will be sent out with more instructions.

2. International Training with Student Counseling

* There will be an event this Friday with SCS where a panel of 4-5 international students will talk about how mental health is perceived in their home countries
* International students don’t use mental health resources nearly as much as domestic students, so SCS wants to understand the issues to better serve international students as well
* Let Tamara know if you are interested in participating

4. Subcommittee Discussions

* Grants
* Employment
* Discussion about creating new subcommittees
* Will talk about structure next meeting because of the Tuesday/Wednesday meeting problem. Try to find a way for the entire board to meet instead of just roughly half

5. Grants

* Discussed procedure for when we receive grant applications
  + Next time a new member will take the initiative to send the email and organize the process. This will make sure they are involved and make a transition, since old members might not be in ISAB next year
* Talked about how to get people to apply
  + Potential outreach reusing old materials
  + Email RSO leaders about grant
  + Reach out to other groups as well, not only nationality-focused groups

6. Employment

* Established a connection with Career Advancement
  + They are creating an orientation package for new international students
  + We will check on the package first (in late January) and give them feedback on how to make it better, then help them market it
    - Send email to see availability to schedule viewing
  + Career Advancement now has 4 advisors who will work primarily with international students. They will have a presentation during IPO so students can have a sense of what’s available
  + This is focusing on undergraduates first, then try to expand to UChicago GRAD
* Will start a data project with Career Advancement
  + See how domestic and international students compare in job search and placement

6. Others

* Talked about news about I-House and the changes in Housing. Grad students will have to move out of I-House at the end of the year since they will create a 5th house for undergrads in the building. There will be a meeting for graduate students currently living in I-House on January 25th.