ISAB MEETING October 2014

Minute taker: Akua

* Introductions and Ice-Breaker
  + Members present: Deepa Das Acevedo, Ming Li Chew, Kenny Wong, Zainab Imam, Lena Thomer, Miguel Barbosa, Britt Walker, Ellen Rodnianski, Jen Nafziger, Ijeoma Nwabudike, Akua Nkansah-Amankra, Jenny, Jaime, Zhiliang Gong, Champ, Susanna Perez, Tamara Felden, Sarath Pillai
  + Members not present: Xuebin (Nancy) Guan, Yusuf Iddirisu
* Overview and expectations
  + Mission of ISAB: advocating for the international community. Communicate international student concerns to different bodies
  + Participation: be respectful of different backgrounds. Be open and honest in a respectful manner.
  + Monthly meetings: expected to attend every meeting. But let Jen know if you are going to miss a meeting.
  + Participate in OIA events and activities where appropriate
  + Represent the international community in all activities possible
* Updates on OIA activities
  + Student Guide: completed in summer, positive feedback from freshman students
  + Welcome party: 600-650 attendants, good connections made
* Student Workers and Job openings
  + Student assistants: still have a couple of openings.
  + Flexible hours
  + Not limited to just international students, but all applicants are welcome!
  + Full details to be found at studentemployment.uchicago.edu
* ISAB proposal fund
  + Will be continued this year
  + $5,000 total available for funding
  + activities have to be geared towards international interest
  + Who would be in charge of handling financial matters
  + Maximum amount that can be requested: $1,000 with the expectation that most will be lower
* Re-Funding 3-day startup: unanimous agreement to approve their refund request
* Goals for next year
* Increase ISAB presence on campus
  + Group leaders: Zainab and Jenny
  + Other members: Akua, Deepa, Lena, Ijeoma, Ellen and Britt
* Work with Career Advancement to advance international student employment
  + Group leaders: Zhiliang and Ming Li
  + Other members: Jaime and Suzanna
* General Proposal Fund improvement
  + Group leaders: Champ and Kenny
  + Other members: Sarath and Miguel