• **ISAB BOARD PROFILES**
  o Mostly completed, but NOT COMPLETELY FINISHED >(

• **MEETING DATES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR:**
  o Tuesday, January 15
  o Wednesday, February 13
  o Tuesday, March 12
  o Wednesday, April 17
  o Tuesday, May 14
  o NO DECEMBER MEETING

• **ZOO LIGHTS TRIP**: Sunday, December 9th
  o Location: Lincoln Park zoo
  o Who is it for? International Students, faculties, and their families
  o What does it entail? Beautiful Christmas lights; Magical feel, reminiscent of Festival lights
  o Family Friendly
  o Pre-trip: reception with cookies, music (hopefully), etc.
  o Volunteers very much appreciated
  o Very nice study break
  o Advertising: GET THE WORD OUT!!!
  o PRICE: About $5 for adults, $3 for kids
    ▪ Includes bus trip, reception and snacks
    ▪ Possible family discount

• **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FORUM**
  o Tuesday, January 8
  o ISAB has an opportunity to design the workshop
    • TASKS FOR ISAB MEMBERS
      • What questions would you ask?
      • Stick with original format, or try something innovative?
      • How would you ask them?
      • Food? Take a break from pizza?
      • ISAB: Act as StuGov and ask international students about what questions they might have about how Admissions and OIA can support them better
      • Shivani: make people more comfortable with speaking up about the problems they might face
      • The workshops happen twice a day
      • THERE IS ALWAYS FOOD
      • Second week of the quarter is best
      • If there is a panel, there ought to be students who have something relevant to say about it on the panel
• POSSIBLE DATE CHANGE: January 8 is Tuesday of first week! Switch ISAB meeting and workshop>
• Division of labor
• Preliminary organizing

○ PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT TO BE ADDRESSED
  ▪ Provide links directly from the email to the International Student Voice
  ▪ Address problems from all backgrounds: college students, grad school students, exchange students, etc.
  ▪ This is not talking: it should be clearer that there is a support system (OIA, etc.) for them
  ▪ Not just a social event; attendees should feel like something has been accomplished from the problems that they discuss; receive updates about changes in OIA
  ▪ Seating at the forum: format it such that there is better interaction between attendees

○ CONTENT OF THE FORUM
  ▪ Ice-breakers
  ▪ Group coordinators: try to start the discussion by addressing a common problem
  ▪ Possibly include President Zimmer

• UPDATES FROM SUB-GROUPS
  ○ LESTER’S GROUP/Undergrad and Grad liaison: mixers for grads and undergrads
    ▪ Biggest problem: establishing a link between the international undergrad and the international grad. There’s not enough incentive to build a relationship between the grads and the undergrads
    ▪ Grad students don’t have to be international
    ▪ Grad student representatives on the board: recruit grad students from different divisions and professional schools
    ▪ Goal of mixers: social interaction, and introduce undergrads who are interested in going to grad school to grad students in their divisions
    ▪ Networking: have sign-up sheets for contacts, and then post it online
  ○ PROGRAMMING
    ▪ Cute cultural guidebook
      ▪ Send email, compile stories
    ▪ Coffee hour
      ▪ Change pastries to be more international
    ▪ Chinese New Year
- Tiffany: Collaborate with other Chinese RSOs for a trip to Chinatown for festival.
  - Also, trip doesn't have to be on or near Chinese New Year
- EMPLOYMENT/ JOB GROUP
  - Problems: lack of practice interview opportunities
    - Lack of knowledge about on and off campus opportunities
    - Talk to FROGS: update website more often
    - CCCP
    - CAPS: change in system might be the cause of confusion.
  - Solutions
    - Take advantage of student alumni network (international alumni are very important to the College); panel to discuss problems with alumni
    - Forums: speed dating, but with discussions about problems that face international students
    - Recurring problem: people don't know about the resources that are available to them
    - Have a centralized person for international students who has access to all the information that international students need.
    - Jaime has taken the initiative to talk to CAPS about how to help international students
- SOCIAL MEDIA/ OUTREACH GROUP
  - OIA Facebook page: needs to be used more
  - Make OIA photo contests more frequent to encourage more visits to the page
  - Make events on Facebook rather than on email
  - Possible event: have a language mixer; learn new cool words in different languages
- SUPER SUPER SUPER SUPER SPECIAL EVENT!!!!!
  - $2000 is available for ISAB to pursue something that benefits the international community
  - Deadline: January 10th (?)
  - Specifics
    - Description of event
    - Explanation of how event benefits international community
    - Specific audience?
    - Itemized budget
    - Who will be involved
    - The time frame of project
    - What needs to be done before the event
- Collaboration with other organizations in the university?
- What other support might you need?
  - OIA, not ISAB, will decide what proposal is worth going with (reduce bias)
  - PILOT PROJECT!!
- HOMEWORK
  - International student forum: figure out game plan