

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

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

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

- **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FORUM**
 - Tuesday, January 8
 - 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