

2013 International Student Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes: May 14, 2013

Formal start time: 7:45 PM

End time: 9:00 PM

1. Introductions! (6/7 continents represented)

- a. 2013-14 ISAB Members: *Abdulla Al-Kuwari, Rajesh Bhusal, Manuel Antonio Cabal Lopez, Francisco Calvache Meyer, Ketlèn Célestin, Deepa Das Acevedo, Lilian Dube, Hugh Gibbons, Zhiliang Gong, Jenny Mao, Mukundan, Akua Nkansah- Amankra, Jaime Ocampo Bermudez, Susana Ines Perez Alonso, Chau Pham, Claudia Sinowato, Champ Somboonpanyakul, Lena Thomer, Kenny Wong, Zeynep Yavuz, Yvanna Pérez Morel*

2. Expectations and background, nuts and bolts

- a. Meet once a month throughout the school year with the exception of Dec.
- b. Attend all meetings & events and complete a reflection
- c. Three basic rules of membership
 - i. No more than 1 study abroad quarter per year
 - ii. Two unexcused absences are grounds for dismissal
 - iii. Board membership is effective for one year
- d. Meeting schedule determined fall quarter
- e. Meeting minutes are online – view them if you miss a meeting

3. International Undergraduate/Graduate Student Mixer

- a. Focus group at the beginning of the year targeted the divide between college and graduate students
- b. Grad students were recruited from each university division

4. Events

- a. Evaluated after three years to see if event was the desired event
- b. Funding for events are competitive – groups must propose
- c. Advice: it is a good idea to start with a smaller idea. Try to scale small and build from there; organizational support will be provided

5. T-Shirt Design

- a. Free (\$0 cost)
- b. ISAB t-shirt designs
- c. Not maroon or tie-dye colors
- d. Color choosing – 9 for yellow, 10 for blue – **blue color wins**
- e. Send T-shirt quote to Jen via email

6. Subcommittees: Employment, College/Grad Relations, International/Domestic, Outreach/Communication

- a. **Outreach/Communication (Kenny & Akua)**
 - i. Non-moderation listhost, cultural group reps, database of study abroad kids (not for when you get into college), connecting with ISA, prospective students map (that shows each country of admission), OIA information session attendance increasing, phone plan transparency (via T-Mobile)

- b. **International/Domestic Group**
 - i. Orientation: things about daily life, ask local students to invite international students (sports)

- c. **Employment (Jaime, Abdulla, Francisco...)**
 - i. Limited opportunities for hours just because you need to work on campus
 - ii. Most of the on campus opps are restricted to work-study
 - 1. Two primary solutions:
 - Database for people with cultural, language background.
 - Going to work with a group at UCIB so professors can meet with students that they want.
 - 2. Comes after graduation – OPT vs CPT; important that ISAB and other people are aware of the differences and securing each. Francisco has been very involved with career advancement – knows his stuff

- d. **Undergrad/grad Group: (Champ, Lester, ...)**
 - i. Through empirical research – attendance improvement.
 - 1. We have various events but the goal is tying undergrad/grad student communities together. To do this, we should center the event around a theme – available food at the event
 - 2. Target Ph.D students too

7. Politically Incorrect Maroon Confessions

- a. Tim Wise is a speaker who has made many presentations about inclusion and “white privilege” and how this plays out in society
- b. How have you experienced some of the things that have recently happened?

Meeting notable: Batman riding his Harley Davidson down 59th street