• Adding items to the ISAB meeting agenda: Email Jennifer about a topic you would like to bring to the meeting and the discussion will follow. Don’t hesitate!

• New Initiatives of the Office of International Affairs (OIA)
  o A student can now just call and walk by the office to make an appointment to meet someone at the OIA office
  o International Mentor Program for Academic and Cultural Transitions (IMPACT)
    ▪ It has grown to include 32 students and 27 mentors
    ▪ Organized a successful kickoff event, training session, and reception for the participants
    ▪ Mentors include PHD students from four graduate school divisions
    ▪ Working towards and expects to grow bigger in the near future!
  o Coffee-hour Workshops
    ▪ Held a successful workshop on finding housing and technical details about renting apartments off-campus
  o Summer Social Events
    ▪ Summer social
    ▪ Excursion to White Sox Game with overwhelming response; plan to organize even more excursions in the future
    ▪ A very successful Photo contest

• Financial Aid for International Students: Website says University is “need-sensitive”. Not exactly sure about what that means; need to discuss and understand with the Admissions office (Simon Nascimento)
  o Right now university gives larger amounts to fewer students. Might be more beneficial to change its strategy a bit so as it allocate smaller amounts of aid to a larger number of students
  o Start a Google hangout or some sort of forum to address and speak about the financial aid concerns and answer questions

• Student Government
  o Very little representation of international students; integral to address the issue
  o Currently barriers exist for international students to run. Might be due to cultural differences
  o Important to make the international student community more aware of the student government, its role, and discuss the procedure for running for the same

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  o Website contact form vs. sending personal email to a specific person in OIA
  o Rotation of ISAB email list to have different people at the top so as not to concentrate the bulk to emails on one member of the board
o Having individual profiles on each member of the ISAB board. This will include:
  ▪ Fields of interest, major, year
  ▪ How the person is involved on campus: activities, RSOs, UC Careers In...
  ▪ Photograph! (Board will organize a day to get a photographer and click everyone’s picture)

o Sub-groups
  ▪ Send names of members of each sub-group
  ▪ Meet separately with your sub-group and brainstorm ideas
  ▪ Answer questions on the sheet for each sub-group and email to Jen in 2 weeks time

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