

CSM International Education Committee
Thursday, April 17, 2014
1:15-2:30 pm
City View Conference Room, 431
Meeting Summary

Members Present: Sandra Stefani Comerford, Jennifer Hughes, Yaping Li, Yiyuan Liang (student representative), Mario Mihelcic, Jan Roecks, Aaron Schaefer, Brandon Smith, Henry Villareal

Review the Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Review Summary Notes from March 20, 2014 Meeting

The summary notes from the March 20 meeting were approved.

Summer Bridge Ideas

Presentation from Volunteer Group: Guests: Leon Harper and Rich Rondeau

Leon Harper and Rich Rondeau presented information regarding their "You have a Friend in USA" volunteer organization which provides various services to international students, including but not limited to transportation, short-term housing, and shopping assistance. Their organization has volunteers throughout the country. The committee expressed concerns about potential liability issues and their religious affiliation.

Update on District International Education Advisory Committee

No updates. There has not been a meeting of the IIAC.

Updates from Committee Members

Martin Bednarek presented information regarding counseling needs for international students. General counseling is offered on a drop-in only basis during the summer; however, to facilitate the enrollment of international students, specific counseling appointment slots are needed. Martin has talked about this need with Marsha Ramezane. Martin is currently providing training to four CSM counselors, who will also provide international student counseling. Jennifer, Martin and Marsha will meet to work out a schedule for international student counseling to ensure that the registration of international students occurs in a timely manner.

Mario is busy processing applications. The number of applicants continues to increase. He also shared a flyer regarding Canada's ELS International Summer Pathways program.

Concerns/Issues to Forward to District International Education Advisory Committee

None.

Other Items

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2014