

CSM International Education Committee
Thursday, May 15, 2014
1:15-2:30 pm

Meeting Summary

Committee Members Attending: Sandra Stefani Comerford, Yaping Li, Mario Mihelcic, Jan Roecks, Henry Villareal

Review the Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Review Summary Notes from April 17, 2014 Meeting

Summary notes from the April 17 meeting were approved.

Continued Discussion of Summer Bridge Ideas

Suggestions to support students who arrive for New- Student Orientation in mid-July included providing field trips prior to the start of the fall term. Field trips could include visits to Silicon Valley firms, UC-Berkeley, Stanford, and sites in San Francisco. Various workshops including a cultural sensitivity and awareness session could help international students adapt to classroom culture and American norms. It was also suggested to consider collaborating with Cañada and Skyline on these events. There was agreement to have further discussion about these ideas in the fall and that Martin Bednarek should be invited back to participate.

Discussion also extended to consideration of offering the new student orientation later in the summer, possibly early August similar to both Cañada and Skyline. However, registering students into a minimum of 12 units so late in the process is recognized as a significant challenge. One idea was to enroll students into preselected classes such as ESL, a career class, math or other general education classes. This was thought to be an idea worth pursuing. At the same time, caution was noted so as not to totally segregate international students from the general student body.

Updates from Committee Members

None.

Other Items

None.

Next Meeting: Fall 2014