

CSM International Education Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

2:30 – 3:45 pm

10-431 City View B

Present: Sue An, Sandra Stefani Comerford, Danni Redding Lapuz (Chair), Ludmila Prisecar, Christine Su, Kalina Tabatt, Henry Villareal, Chris Woo

Absent: Jennifer Hughes, Young-Min Kim, Jan Roecks, Jing Wu

Summary Notes for November and February meetings

The notes from the November and February meetings were distributed and tentatively approved. Committee members will review them in more detail and respond with any changes, corrections, etc.

Updates:

Admissions Update:

Processing of applications is way ahead of this time last year. Thus far, 40 applicants have been accepted. There are an additional 83 incomplete applications, and 78 with application only (no supporting documents received), for a total of 201 F-1 applicants (including 19 duplicate applications). Compared to the numbers for Fall 2015, applications were up in January (125% compared to 2015) and February (142% compared to 2015).

Events:

World Chat: The first of six World Chats (Tagalog) will be held on March 9, followed by French, Burmese, Turkish, Nepali, and American Sign Language. Posters were distributed to committee members and also posted throughout campus.

World Gala: The date has been set for Sunday, May 8, from 6 to 9pm. Tickets will go on sale sometime in late March or early April. It will be held in Bayview Dining Room. The theme has not yet been finalized, but tentatively it is “neon.” The gala will, however, be globally-focused.

Workshops: IEP has scheduled a number of workshops throughout the semester. The goal of the workshops is to help international students feel more a part of the CSM campus and also to explain certain procedures and regulations. The workshops include on-campus employment workshops, counseling workshops, stress management, filing taxes for international students, and OPT/CPT.

IEP hosted the Lunar New Year celebration on February 25th. The event was sponsored by the Lion Dance Team and the Chinese Student Association, with additional support from the International Club and the Cultural Awareness Board. Highlights of the day included performances by the Lion Dance Team, food and snacks, and a visit from the Mary Meta Lazarus Child Development Center at CSM.

IEP has started a weekly newsletter for international students: "News and Notes from CSM International Education Program," which provides information on events and activities, important deadlines, new classes, etc. Christina will send a sample copy to committee members.

Campus Internationalization:

Danni made several presentations related to internationalization, including one to the Academic Senate on November 10 and one on globalizing the curriculum/campus on FLEX Day (with representatives of Stanford's EPIC program). IEP will be working on some professional development workshops (specific topics TBD).

Enrollment Management:

Danni has been working with the Dean of Language Arts regarding adding ESL courses to the schedule to accommodate the growing numbers of international students. In particular, there are plans to add ESL courses during afternoon time slots, which are usually not as popular with domestic students.

The current numbers of international students for Spring 2016 are:
CSM: 511; Skyline: 184; Cañada: 134.

The district-wide goal is to enroll 2000 international students. This is an admirable goal; however, this will stress an already-overextended staff at CSM. While there are plans to add staff, there is currently inadequate space to house the staff, or to provide student space.

Discussion: Reporting

Danni submitted the Open Doors Data for Fall 2015 on March 2, 2016. (Open Doors is a comprehensive information resource on international students and scholars studying or teaching at higher education institutions in the United States, and U.S. students studying abroad for academic credit at their home colleges or universities). The CSM data is available for those who would like to see it.

Danni reviewed the updated student learning objectives (SLOs) for international students:

1. New F-1 students will become familiar with academic counseling, student services, campus engagement opportunities, and the transfer process.

2. New F-1 students will be apprised and knowledgeable about the SEVIS-Immigration Regulations for maintaining F-2 status.

Danni reviewed the previous and newly-proposed committee goals (2015-2016) with the committee members and discussed possible changes to some of the language of the goals. The deadline for reporting is April 15, 2016.

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Recruitment Update

Danni, Wissem, Jing, and Diane have been traveling for recruitment efforts for the district. Danni recently returned from Southeast Asia. One update is that San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley will be instituting new scholarships for international students attending Cañada or Skyline College. These scholarships will not be available at CSM.

Salesforce

The district has chosen not to go with the CRM previously proposed. Salesforce (Enrollment Rx) has been engaged to provide a platform for inquiry and application processes. There will be an implementation meeting for an initial team on March 15 and 16, 2016.

Housing Coordinator and SMCCD Homestay Company

The district has hired a new part-time housing coordinator, Julnar Msalam. Also, there is now an SMCCD Homestay process. Julnar has been receiving many inquiries not only from current students but also from students planning to come in Fall 2016.

Updates from Committee Members

No updates.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2016