

CSM International Education Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

2:30 – 3:45 pm

10-431 City View B

Present: Sue An, Sandra Stefani Comerford, Silvana Grima, 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 April meeting

The summary notes from the April meeting 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 in high gear. As of 5/10/2016, 195 international applicants have been accepted. There are an additional 96 incomplete applications (some supporting documents received), plus 123 with application only (no supporting documents received), plus 5 applicants who subsequently withdrew, for a total of **419 F-1 applicants** (not including 34 duplicate applications). Compared to the numbers for Fall 2015, applications were up in January (125% compared to 2015), February (142% compared to 2015), March (55% compared to 2015), and April (43% compared to 2015). The expected enrollment for Fall 2016 is 200 -225 new international students.

Enrollment Management:

Three orientation sessions have been scheduled for incoming international students for Fall 2016: July 25-27; August 1-3; and August 8-10. IEP may also schedule a limited orientation for transfer students who have already attended U.S. schools or spent a considerable amount of time in the U.S.

Events:

International Transfer Fair:

On May 4, IEP hosted a mini-transfer fair with international admissions representatives from six schools: California State University, Chico; State University of New York at Buffalo; University of California, Riverside; Humboldt State University; University of LaVerne, and University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

Chinese Student Association Basketball Tournament:

The College of San Mateo Chinese Student Association hosted its first annual CSA Basketball Tournament in April. The tournament included teams from numerous other schools in the area such as DeAnza College and Ohlone College. CSM had a strong contingent of players and fans and a solid

showing, garnering third place in the tournament overall. From tip-off to the final buzzer this friendship tournament thrilled family, fans and friends alike. CSA is already working on the “game plan” for next year’s event.

World Gala:

The first annual World Gala was held on Sunday, May 8. The gala featured a global talent showcase, fashion show, globally-inspired snacks, and a live band (Blue Flamingo Quartet). There was also a World Travel photo contest with two awards: one based on evaluations by two CSM photography professors, plus a “peoples’ choice” award determined by vote at the Gala. There were approximately 150 attendees. The World Gala was hosted by the International Education Program of CSM, together with Diversity in Action Group, the International Club, and Associated Students of CSM.

Student Success: International students are doing great things here at CSM.

Student government:

Eight international students have been elected to positions in the Associated Students of CSM Senate.

Scholarships:

More than 30 international students received a CSM scholarship in 2016.

Service and Leadership Award:

An international student was the recipient of the Allan R. Brown Outstanding Service & Leadership Award for 2015-2016.

Graduation and transfer:

More than 20 international students earned an Associate’s degree, and more than 40 international students are transferring to a four-year college or university.

District International Education Advisory Committee:

Campus visits:

CSM has hosted a number of campus visitors during the spring semester, including large groups of high school students from Taiwan and China, high school counselors from Pakistan, and agents from China, Taiwan, Pakistan, and Nepal.

Whole Ren:

The Whole Ren agency has developed a new partnership model which will function to assist Chinese students in their transition and retention at the San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley.

Updates from Committee Members

No updates.

Next Meeting: Fall 2016