

## CSM International Education Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

2:30 – 3:45 pm

10-431 City View B

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**Present:** Sue An, Silvana Grima, Amir Farhan Mat Kamal (Student Rep), Danni Redding Lapuz (Chair), Rosanne Leung, Christine Su, Kalina Tabatt, Henry Villareal, Chris Woo

**Absent:** Janet Black, Sandra Stefani Comerford, Kamran Eftekahri, Vera Fainshtein, Jennifer Hughes, Yaping Li, Ludmila Prisecar, Jan Roecks, Kalina Tabatt

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### Summary Notes for Previous Meetings

The summary notes from the March 2017 meeting were distributed to committee members for review and tentatively approved. Committee members will review them in more detail and respond with any changes, corrections, etc.

### Updates:

#### *Introductions:*

Danni introduced Rosanne Leung, IEP's new Office Assistant II.

#### *Application Update:*

Applications for Fall 2017: As of 5/8/2017, there are 418 applications (382 F-1 applications). Of these, 200 students (48%) have been accepted. The numbers are lower overall than for Fall 2016, but the applications continue to come in.

The Salesforce applications, originally scheduled for launch in Fall 2017, will go live for the Spring 2018 semester.

#### *Retention Update:*

As mentioned during the previous meeting, a total of 86 international students (12%) are on probation 1, probation 2, or dismissal. The retention specialist continues to meet with students to discuss challenges, identify resources, and complete an academic success plan.

Additionally, a total of 31 students who were enrolled in Fall 2016 were no longer F-1 students for Spring 2017. Of these 31, 13 chose not to return (various reasons; authorized early withdrawal), 2 were unable to get a new visa after theirs had expired, 5 went out of status and could not regain status so their I-20s were terminated, 4 transferred to a local (Bay Area) language school, and 7 either had their change of status approved (e.g., F-1 to H-1B visa) or their I-20s had reached their program end date. Finally, 19 students were on reduced course load for Spring 2017 (5 for authorized medical reasons and 14 for final term completion).

#### *Airport Welcome Mat:*

For the second time, CSM IEP will offer an "Airport Welcome Mat" service. On the Thursday prior to each of the major orientations in July and August, CSM staff will greet students who arrive at the airport

between 9am and 4pm, provide them with a light snack, provide Skype availability to let family members know they have arrived, and assist them to find local transportation to their apartments, homestays, etc. The dates for the Welcome Mat are July 20, July 27, and August 3. Students who wish to participate must be arriving on one of those days and will need to send their name/G# and flight information to CSM.

*Design Award – World Village:*

The poster designed by one of IEP's international student ambassadors for World Village 2016 won a statewide award for graphic design. This is the second year that the poster designs have been submitted and recognized.

*Asian Film Festival:*

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian Pacific Islander film festival was held on Saturday, April 29. The directors of two of the films were present for a question-and-answer session after the screenings, and after the evening program, the three subjects of the film were present to meet with attendees and answer questions.

*World Chat:*

World Chat had 6 sessions: Burmese, Swiss-German, Swahili, Hindi, Swedish, and Indonesian. The final World Chat in March included distribution of certificates for all Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 World Chat leaders. Possible World Chats for Fall 2017 include Korean, Russian, Italian, Khmer (Cambodian), Afrikaans (South Africa), and Japanese. Many thanks to Sue An for inviting her students to come to World Chats and report on them during class.

*Global Speaker Series:*

The *New Global Speaker Series* started was a great success in its first year, bringing area studies and global issues to CSM. This campus-wide initiative explores global topics through five thematic areas: economic development; climate and environment; cultural identity and place; global health; and arts, media and social change. More than 100 students, faculty, and staff attended each of the sessions and at least 10 courses included the Global Speaker Series for credit or extra-credit. This program was developed through the Stanford EPIC Fellowship program and was a collaboration with faculty throughout the campus. In particular this program works to support the development of the new Global Studies major at CSM and to internationalize the campus. Danni Redding Lapuz, the program's creator, will continue to develop the program and plans to hold the next session in Spring 2018.

*World Gala:*

The second annual World Gala was a great success. Held on Friday, April 21, there were more than 200 attendees, including many faculty and staff, and students from the other SMCCCD campuses. The Gala featured a talent showcase with performances by students from around the globe, a fashion show highlighting cultural attire, global snacks, and a dance party. A wonderful time was had by all.

*End-of-Year Event/Transfer/Grad:*

On Thursday, May 25, IEP will host an end-of-the-year event for international students. The event is open to all, while highlighting the accomplishments of those international students who are graduating and/or transferring to four-year schools. A sampling of the schools students will attend for Fall 2017 include University of Massachusetts at Amherst, University of California, Berkeley, San Francisco State University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and many more.

**Discussion Items:**

*Enrollment Projections 2017-2018:*

The following are the projections for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 by the three SMCCD schools:

CSM:                Fall 2017: 191 new and 519 continuing, for a total of 710 enrolled students  
                      Spring 2018: 134 new and 603 continuing, for a total of 737 enrolled students

Skyline:            Fall 2017: 100 new and 200 continuing, for a total of 300 enrolled students  
                      Spring 2018: 50 new and 280 continuing, for a total of 330 enrolled students

Cañada:            Fall 2017: 28 new and 112 continuing, for a total of 140 enrolled students  
                      Spring 2018: 23 new and 120 continuing, for a total of 143 students.

While application numbers look to be holding relatively well in the face of the current political climate, the overall yield is heavily impacted by a change in demographics. For example, there has been a big increase in applications and accepted students from Nepal (e.g., roughly 75% of those who applied were accepted at CSM in 2016-2017), but a relatively small percentage of admitted applicants from Nepal (e.g., at CSM, 28% of those admitted) actually enroll. Furthermore, a number of students from Nepal transfer after one semester at CSM.

The total number of enrolled students at the three campuses is 1,105 for Spring 2017. If the projections are correct, there could be 1,150 and 1,210 students in Fall 2017 and Spring 2018, respectively, but we will need to wait and see.

*New Space:*

IEP will be moving to another, larger space in Building 10. The exact date of the move is uncertain, but may occur during June. The new space will have more study and gathering space for students, including a larger, quieter meditation room, which is wonderful, although the staff will be more spread out. Exact details about the configuration of space are still to be determined.

*Ad Hoc Committee:*

An Ad Hoc Committee headed by Danni Redding Lapuz (co-chair), Dean Carranza (co-chair), and Kristi Ridgway (Co-Chair) has been formed and is meeting to discuss international education topics. The discussion has included data analysis across disciplines based on a survey that was sent out to faculty. This may lead to focus groups and further follow up about specific issues.

**District International Education Advisory Committee:**

*Salesforce:*

As mentioned above, the Salesforce applications, originally scheduled for launch in Fall 2017, will go live for the Spring 2018 semester.

*Local Language School Recruitment:*

The three SMCCD schools have been participating in numerous local language recruitment events throughout the Bay Area. The CSM Admissions team has participated in 12 events, with approximately

180 student contacts, resulting in 27 applications thus far. A number of additional applications are expected. Additionally, 7 or 8 students from the SVIEP program have applied for admission to CSM for Fall 2017.

*Pre-Departure Orientations:*

A number of pre-departure orientations are scheduled for the summer, including in three cities in China; Myanmar; and Nepal, with possible additional meetings in Indonesia and/or Vietnam. Jing Luan (District), Danni Redding Lapuz (CSM) and Carlos (Skyline) will be presenting the Pre-Departure sessions and Danni has created a pre-departure handbook that is being printed in China for the events.

**Updates from Committee Members:**

Several international students have been elected to serve in various positions for the CSM Student Senate (ASCSM). Doing so is a great opportunity for international students to meet and interact with domestic students and to learn leadership skills.

Thank you to all who participated as International Education Committee Members for 2016-2017.

**Next Meeting: Fall 2017**