

CSM International Education Committee

Thursday, May 3, 2012

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Vice Presidents' Conference Room, Building 10, Room 482B

Summary Notes

Members Attending: Susan Estes, Jennifer Hughes, Vivyan Lam (student representative), Yaping Li, Maggie Skaff, Brandon Smith, Henry Villareal, Tim Yuen(student representative), Aaron Schaefer

Review the Day's Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Review Summary Notes from March 12, 2012, Meeting

The summary notes of the March 12, 2012 meeting were approved.

Service Learning – Next Steps?

It was suggested that some faculty who may have a service learning component as part of their course might wish to meet and consider focusing their service learning on a particular theme each term.

Aaron indicated that we will host a volunteer fair next week, which may identify community agencies that may be interested in participating in Service Learning. Aaron is working with Bev Madden on developing a Service Learning fair for spring, 2013. Everyone agreed that in order for this to work, we need someone to assume the role of Service Learning Coordinator in order to work with employers and community agencies, and to be the liaison for the faculty.

Henry, Susan and Jennifer will research what is required to post Service Learning to a student's transcript.

We also agreed that we need to revitalize the International Club, with an emphasis on this being a diverse student club made up of international students from a number of countries and resident students.

Update on District International Education Committee Meetings

Jennifer provided an update on the District International Education Committee meetings and the work of the various task forces. A Board study session on International Education is planned for June 6th. The Marketing Task Force has finalized many of the marketing materials. A new online application has been developed which will be shared at the next CSM International Education Committee meeting. The Pre-Registration Task Force has identified a number of courses at each of the colleges that international students will be able to register for prior to their arrival in the U.S. This will ensure that international students, who must be enrolled full time, will be assured of getting their classes. There is also preliminary discussion about finding an avenue for offering the placement tests remotely to students. There are a number of issues involved with this (test publishers licensing requirements, authenticating the test taker, etc.) The Student Support Task Force is still looking into additional housing opportunities for students. It was reported that many CSM students are renting apartments at Hillside Gardens.

Updates from Committee Members

Maggie provided an update regarding fall, 2012 applicants. She has received 109 applications for fall; 34 have already been approved. There are currently 119 students enrolled. The orientation is scheduled for July 17th and again on August 17. There was a suggestion that we consider additional orientations after the drop/add period.

Concerns/Issues to Forward to District International Education Steering Committee

There was an issue raised about some international students who have been disruptive. It was suggested that we develop an orientation to focus on cultural differences, which would include cross cultural communication. It was suggested that we engage George Kramm, Yaping Li, Brandon Smith, and Makiko Ueda. Aaron indicated that the Center for Student Life could provide refreshments.

Other Items - None

Next Meeting: The fall, 2012 meeting dates have not been set. All agreed that the first Thursday of the month from 1:15 – 2:30 p.m. works well.