

CSM International Education Committee

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

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

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Susan Estes, Jennifer Hughes, Patricia Kwok, Vivyan Lam (student representative), Yaping Li, Maggie Skaff, Henry Villareal, Fan Wang (student representative), Tim Yuen (student representative)

Review the Day's Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Review Summary Notes from October 4, 2012, Meeting

The summary notes from the October 4 2012 meeting were approved.

Discussion/Analysis of Student Success in Spring, 2012 Classes

Patty Kwok reported that she has been working with John Sewart to provide success data for international students. The report she shared with the committee provided information regarding those students earning grades of "D," "F," or "NP" in courses taken in the spring, 2012 semester. The following courses had the highest numbers of students who did not earn passing grades:

English 100 – 3 students did not earn passing grades

ESL 828 – 4 students did not earn passing grades

Psychology 100 – 4 students did not earn passing grades

The committee expressed interest in looking at possible causes for the failing grades, including examining the students' TOEFL and placement scores. Also, there was interest in determining if students are failing one course or more than one course. The report will be provided at the end of each semester and will be posted to the website along with the International Education Committee agendas and meeting summaries.

Report on the International Student Club

Tim Yuen provided an update on the activities taking place as part of International Students Week, November 14-16, 2012. Activities include a “world wall” for students to record information, a travel information Q&A, an international education “challenge”, and an action movie. Free food will be provided on November 14 and 15. The newly formed International Students Club is sponsoring the event, with participation and support from the International Education Office. Patty will also be hosting a SEVIS workshop.

Update on District International Education Committee Meeting

There has not yet been a meeting of the District committee.

Updates from Committee Members

Patty Kwok distributed the latest version of the student survey that will be administered November 1-30 to all international students. Minor edits were suggested. Committee members commended Patty and the students for their work on the survey.

Maggie provided updates regarding student applications for the spring, 2013 semester:

- 113 students have submitted applications. 22 students have been accepted (20 new and 2 transfers) 38 students have received conditional acceptance. We anticipate approximately 25-30 additional students from English language schools. We have approximately 10 students transferring at the end of the fall semester. Our target number is 141 students, which is an increase of 25 students from the past year.

Patty recently attended a regional NAFSA meeting. Attendees shared information about their programs and brought forward issues that have arisen at their colleges. A common issue is finding ways to provide early registration for international students. The three colleges in our district have developed a list of courses that students may “pre-enroll” in before arrival in the United States. There is interest in making the Career Exploration orientation course (1 unit) mandatory for students.

Maggie indicated that CSM will be hosting a Bay Area conference of PSOs and PDSOs on November 29. There will be approximately 30-40 people attending.

Concerns/Issues to Forward to District International Education Steering Committee

There were not issues to report.

Other Items - None

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 6, 2012, 1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m., Vice Presidents’ Conference Room, College Center, 482B

