

Date	11/30/2020
Members Attended	12 out of 14
Desired outcomes	<p>Through participating in this meeting, Council members will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finalize survey questionnaires for the pilot study. ● Create Low resolution ideas for the future committees. ● Learn about the Student Legal Services and how they support international students ● Discuss and Identify shortage of the services provided by the university during the break.

Agenda Notes

About The Council

The International Student Advisory Council (ISAC) works to improve the experience of international students at NC State by providing informed feedback and recommendations to OIS and other campus units towards globally relevant programs, services and policies. Members of ISAC are a diverse group of international students representing a variety of colleges, educational levels and countries of origin. The council is composed of 10 members, with four positions being held by the Chair, Vice-Chair, Historian, and First Year Perspective member.

Throughout The Academic Year:

- The council meets monthly as a whole and on a separate schedule for the committee groups
- Council Members will attend at least once OIS event annually
- Helping to develop recommendations through an annual or semi-annual report and helping to facilitate an annual or semi-annual open forum for the international student body
- The council should be actively engaged in their roles as council members

Laying The Foundation

The International Student Advisory Council is tasked with advocating for the needs of international students here at NC State University. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, international students have been faced with new challenges in the pursuit of their academic goals. Below are a few of our focuses in supporting international students on campus.

Academics

- Students are struggling with the transition to the online format.
- Students are unaware of resources available on campus (the tax center/academic support)

- Time difference identified as a barrier for students abroad and in different time zones to submit assignments and attend in-person (virtual) lectures.

University Concerns

- Students are uncertain about continuing with the online format of the semester or whether or not the set-up will change.
- Employers on campus should send clear information emails to student employees regarding taxes and the need of a Social Security Number.

Suggestions

- Workshop for international students on campus in how to manage online/virtual learning. Information on how to stay engaged and manage classroom expectations. Ensure the workshop is recorded for students to access at a later date.

Office of International Services Updates

- Virtual Winter Programming
 - English Conversation Club will continue over winter break
 - Global Kitchen Cook Along will take place over the break.
 - A virtual game night / hang out session will be held to help students not feel isolated during the break, due to travel restrictions etc..
 - Suggestions made for "Add to calendar" links to be on event flyers so students are able to directly streamline each event to personal calendars, which seem to increase student participation.
- Student Panel - New International Student Orientation (January 14th - Afternoon)

Committee Updates

- One member from each committee will give a brief update about the committee's working process and progress till now.
- Open the floor to discuss any issue they identified during the formation of the questionnaire. 5 minutes for each committee.
- Discuss the unavailability of the Legal services, Transportation services, Library, University Police, etc during the break.
- Brainstorming on forming another committee for the future consideration.
- Discuss issues for the safety and security that international students face.
- Discuss about the pilot survey and strategy for the survey.

Guest Speaker Legal Services

Attorney, University Student Legal Services

- Student Legal Services is here for students on any legal advice or issues that may arise.
- Areas of expertise includes but are not limited to:
 - Immigration Law
 - Contracts/Employment Contracts
 - Leases and Landlord issues
 - Traffic Tickets

- Student Legal Services works with OIS to warn students of scams and to help students who have been scammed.
 - A US Government Official will never call on the phone and ask for money. That is a scam.
- Follow Student Legal Services on Social Media:
 - Twitter: @NCSULegalCenter

Finalizing the Questions

- Read all the Survey questions and finalize the questions for the pilot survey for the Students.

Close Out & Next Steps

- Discuss lee way in case any council member wants to opt out due to other obligations, course load, etc.
- Proposed December Meeting: Tuesday Dec 22, 2020, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm