

Date	10/15/2020
Members Attended	9 out of 9
Desired outcomes	Through participating in this meeting, Council members will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand more about the Ombud Program on Campus.• Update about the survey questions and will receive feedback from the OIS representatives and the peers.

Agenda:

1. Check-In (8:00 pm - 8:10 pm)
2. OIS Updates/ Questions (8:10PM - 8:15PM)
3. Guest Speaker (8:15 PM - 8:25 PM)
4. Taskforce updates and discussion/feedback on draft surveys - (8:25 PM - 9:20 PM)

Check-In (8:00 pm - 8:10 pm):

- Introduction of the two new members to the whole team and to the OIS representatives present in the meeting.
- Talked about the progress of the semester in general.

OIS Updates/ Questions (8:10PM - 8:15PM):

- A brief discussion about the formation of the byLaws of the ISAC.
- **OIS:** Thank you for the Idea Implementation Update on Transfer Student and Academic Success Series respectively.
- Three-Part Mini-Series: Time Management, Stress Management, & Online Exams and Studying Tips
- Immigration Update: D/S Proposed Rule Comment: OIS is formatting a 16 Page comment on the new proposed changes in the F/J visa.
- People can comment on the government site where they have to go through all the comments before approving the proposed rule.

URL: <https://beta.regulations.gov/document/ICEB-2019-0006-0001/comment>

Guest Speaker (8:15 PM - 8:25 PM)

[Student Ombudsman](#)

Student Ombuds Services

- Ombud provides a resource for all the students for any kind of difficulty they are facing. This resource is informal and confidential. International Students can contact SOS with experiences or questions and will take appropriate action to help.
- Isolation was an issue before Covid but after the Covid issue of Isolation became worse. Contacting the Counseling Center at NC State is beneficial. There are some limitations to the Counseling Center because there are laws on action they can take outside of North Carolina and the United States.
- Council Member: What is the difference between the ombud and the Counselling center?
- Speaker: The counseling center has trained therapists for assisting students whereas SOS does not have mental health professionals. Ombud helps in making decisions about difficulties that you are facing whereas, the counseling center is more about mental health and they handle it professionally.
 - <https://counseling.dasa.ncsu.edu/>
- Talked about the Pantry and about the three groups of people who support the pantry, People who donate food, people who use the pantry, and volunteers that run the pantry.
 - <https://feedthepack.dasa.ncsu.edu/>
- Students can apply to the Student Emergency Fund twice. The first grant is capped at \$500 and the second is \$250 max.
 - <https://dasa.ncsu.edu/support-and-advocacy/pack-essentials/student-emergency-fund/>
- Council Member: What is the process of the administration after identifying the problem? How do they try to address that problem?
 - **Speaker:** So my current role is a little different than say my previous role when I was the Associate Vice Provost student leadership and engagement. I don't deal with policymaking for the university directly but he delivers the problem to the people who make the policies and can help the students to pass their concerns to the authorities that have the power to change the university Policies. Keeping international students in mind when leadership makes decisions about the university is part of the job.

Taskforce updates and discussion/feedback on draft surveys:

From the **International Inclusivity Team:**

Goals for the semester

- Create survey questions to send to international students
- Help find scholarships for international students
- Help with internship search, especially for students not in STEM
- Professional Development workshops

Resources that are available for funding on campus:

<https://research.ncsu.edu/rdo/funding/infoed-spin/>

From the **Connection and Communication team:**

Updates:

- Most communication has been through WhatsApp group to include different schedules and time zones
- Making decisions on formatting and questions for a survey to send to students.
- Agreement on setting 2 deadline ones with the initial draft, then council members will comment on the initial document. Then by the final deadline the team will finalize the document in November.
- Talked about preparation for the Career Fair and resources on how to best prepare for International Students.

- Troubles International Students have when arriving on campus. Navigating campus as well as developing relationships with other students.
- Resources Discussed:
 - International Tea Time
<https://counseling.dasa.ncsu.edu/international-tea-time-on-centennial-campus/>
 - NC State Counseling Center <https://counseling.dasa.ncsu.edu/>

Close-Out & Next Steps

- Review about the whole meeting.
- Setup time for the November Monthly meeting.