

## Internationalization of Student Affairs Committee

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The Internationalization of Student Affairs Committee (ISAC) met three (3) times over the past year, October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our first meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> was to acquaint the group with each other, talk about our mission and discuss potential goals for the committee to work on. Six (6) of the members were present. The group talked about a number of ideas and picked three projects to start on:

1. Creating a Tiger Pact banner that would translate the pact in several different languages represented on campus. This banner could be framed and placed in the Resident Halls Office, International Student Services, KAMS and other offices on campus.
2. Selection of international themed movies/videos to be played during International Education Week in November on the Resident Halls cable system. This could also be done other times of the year as well.
3. Implement international themed activities and music into the Tree Lighting ceremony in December.

### Results:

Item 1. will be carried over to the fall of '19. Items 2. and 3. were accomplished. .

Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> five (5) of the nine (9) members were present. The group talked about two areas to set up sub-committees - Assessment and Publications & Publicity. We felt it was important to collect data from international students regarding their satisfaction with campus and areas that may need improvement. Taylor K., Phil W. and Maryke T. volunteered to work on the Assessment Sub-committee.

The Publication and Publicity sub-committee would look at ways to get information out to the Student Affairs Division on international related cultural events and activities as well as relevant articles or publications. Karen M., Carol S., Taylor K., and Lynn A. volunteered for the Publications and Publicity committee. The following topics were also discussed by the committee: Creating a "Welcome" sign for offices to display in a window or on a door. An example was shown from the University of Oregon Memorial Union. The committee would like to pursue this idea for offices in the Division and get a cost. A decision needs to be made on which languages to include on the sign.

### Results:

- We checked with the Print Shop and they can create these "cling" signs in house for approximately \$5.00 a sign. Printing 50 signs would cost approximately \$250.00. The group decided we would proceed with this and if possible have the signs ready by the start of the fall '19 semester.

- No results yet from Assessment sub-committee, but will pick this up again starting in the fall of '19
- The Publications and Publicity sub-committee sent out emails to the Division regarding upcoming events that had an international or cultural theme to them. We will continue to send these notifications out again next year.

Meeting March 15<sup>th</sup> six (6) of the nine (9) members were present.

Committee discussed promoting Go Global website through Career Services more to both international students and domestic students. We will work on a plan to determine the best way to accomplish this. Another item discussed related to Diversity & Inclusion. With the fall Professional Development Day coming up in August it was suggested for our committee to put a couple of proposals in for consideration. Also discussed was to establish a room or space in the Memorial Union that could be considered an International Room. The room could be decorated with country flags and artifacts from the various countries on campus and from items that students have already given to staff or may bring to campus in the future. This will be a project that the committee will address at the beginning of the next school year since it may be difficult to make progress on it yet in the spring semester. The Assessment & Data Collection committee will review the HERI data and see if there is any information related to international students in it. Also, a previous survey that had been done in the fall 2010 by ISSO with the Division of Student Affairs staff was shared with the group. This contained the survey questions, and results. This may be a good survey to send out again to the Division next year. The Publication and Publicity committee discussed providing some training related to customer service and working with international students. It was also discussed that it would be good to reach out to new international faculty to welcome them and help them integrate into campus and with our students. Mehran will contact new international faculty and see what we can do. It was also suggested to hold a "Welcome Picnic" for new international students and faculty to meet Student Affairs staff. This would be held in the fall.

#### **Results:**

- Three sessions were submitted and accepted for the Fall Professional Development Day, with three different committee members participating in the each of the sessions.
- KAMS is planning to designate space in Custer Hall and internationalize it with flags from the countries represented as well as artifacts and pictures. This will hopefully create a more "friendly" and "homey" environment for the international KAMS students, but also help expose and educate the domestic KAMS students about where the international students are from.
- Assessment committee will take a survey project on earlier in the fall semester.

The committee while only having just a few goals this year is encouraged by what we have accomplished and plan to do. We are making progress to help educate and expose the Division of Student Affairs staff to our international students and the cultural diversity they bring to campus and our Division.