International Student Advisory Board  
The Reves Center for International Studies

Date: April 21, 2013  
Time: 5:15pm-7:00 pm  
Location: Reves Room

In attendance:  
Shweta Kulshrestha  
Ji Hoon Lee  
Angel Zhang  
Yuying Wang  
Hua Ma  
Gift Oranich Kulapatrapa  
Chelsea Liu  
Heather Ward (GMU)  
Birgit Debeerst (GMU)

Eva Wong

1. ISSP Reports to ISAB
   i. Introductions  
      - New members: Hua Ma (School of Ed)  
      Kate Lv (JD Law) is unable to attend meeting  
      - Visitors from George Mason University: Heather Ward and Birgit Debeerst
   ii. End-of-the year reception on Fri, April 26, 4-6pm. President Reveley plans to be there at 5pm.
   iii. CPT workshop held on Fri, Aug 19
   iv. Expansion of writing resources  
      - Writing workshops for students and workshop for faculty on how to work with international students  
      - Next year: Fall – Series of writing and academic workshops, Spring – Special writing course for undergraduate and graduate international students  
      - Reves is providing funds and administrative support for these programs  
      - Gift: Professor mentioned to her that international students tend to do poorly on multiple choice questions for they are unfamiliar with the format or have not learnt the strategies for taking multiple choice exams. The professor allowed the students to write down their explanation for the chosen answer.  
      - Ji Hoon: Brought up the question of fairness.  
      - Eva: The faculty workshop did address this issue.
   v. Chinese Freshmen Advantage Program to be launched this summer (collaboration between the Reves Center and the Confucius Institute).

2. ISAB Updates
   i. Annual ISAB Leadership Retreat in Fall: Ropes Course
   ii. Members who attended the Intl. Leadership Conference shared their experience
- This year’s conference theme was “Strengths Within.”
- Attendees were taught how to identify their strengths and also learnt how to apply these strengths in different leadership roles and positions.
- All the members who attended the conference felt that it was worthwhile.

iii. Members provided feedback on “Bring vs. Buy” list for incoming Intl. students
iv. Members provided feedback on website Housing Resource for new Intl. Grad Students

3. Summarization and Future Goals
   i. Fall 2013 Meetings with new meeting time:
      Saturday, September 7, TBA (Leadership Retreat)
      Sunday, September 22 at 2pm
      Sunday, October 20 at 2pm
      Sunday, November 17 at 2pm
   ii. Thank you, reflection, and future goals
      - Next Fall: Provide feedback on tax info, work on creating alumni database, academic resources for international students
      - Eva thanked the board members for their service and recognized the graduating members.
      - Members reflected on their experiences of serving on the board and shared their goals for the board.

4. Selected ISAB members met with the GMU visitors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.