

**International Student Advisory Board  
The Reves Center for International Studies**

**Date:** April 13, 2014

**Time:** 2-3pm

**Location:** Reves Room

In attendance:

Hua Ma

Lopamudra Das

Adela Roa-Varon

Melody Li

Danang Rizki Ginanjar

Eva Wong

1. ISSP Reports to ISAB

a. Welcome to new ISAB members

- Seung Hwan Ji Undergrad, Economics (S. Korea)
- Yi Hua Graduate Education (China)
- Danang Rizki Ginanjar MBA (Indonesia)
- Hua Deng JD (China)

b. ISSP end-of-semester reception

- Friday, April 25, 4-6pm @ Reves Room
- President Reveley and Griffin (W&M mascot) will be in attendance.

c. Updates from March ISAB meeting

- Honor code:

- i. Met with the Chair of the Undergraduate Honor Council. The chair mentioned that the council has seen a disproportionately higher number of international students charged with honor code violations.
- ii. Council will prepare stats for ISSP.
- iii. ISSP will educate Council on immigration implications of sanctions.
- iv. ISSP will collaborate with Council on honor code education for intl. undergraduate students.

- VIMS:

- i. Steve Sechrist will be meeting with Linda Schaffner (Assoc. Dean of Academic Affairs) to discuss ESL and transportation support for VIMS intl. students.

- Meeting with U of Richmond's ISAB

- i. The U of Richmond will be forming an ISAB. They are planning to join our Oct 19 meeting. Details and purpose of the meeting will be discussed in the fall.

2. ISAB Updates

a. Member updates

- Adela asked about scholarship and grants for international students and help with writing grant/scholarship applications.

- Eva explained that scholarships specifically for international students are very limited. The Reves Center is working with the Development Office to build scholarships for international students. The Writing Resources Center offers help for all types of writing including scholarship/grant applications.

b. Annual ISAB Leadership Retreat in Fall: Ropes Course

c. Members who attended the Intl. Leadership Conference will share their experience (2-3 highlights of the conference)

- Attendees had a positive experience with the conference. They all said that the conference was very well organized and they learned a lot. They enjoyed bonding with the other board members and meeting students from other schools. They said that they would recommend the conference to other students.

d. Feedback on tax software and tax information

- Members felt that the information sent out about taxes was timely and useful.
- Those who used the software felt that it was pretty easy to navigate. However, some of the language (e.g., the way questions were posed) were confusing. One member left a message with the software's helpline and his call was returned promptly. The customer service representation was very helpful.
- One member used the tax manual from the library to complete her VA income tax and was able to follow the instructions easily.
- However, a few members suggested that there could be more information and help with the state taxes.

3. Summarization and Future Goals

a. Fall 2014 meeting dates

- Saturday, September 6, TBA (Half day leadership retreat)
- Sunday, September 21 at 2pm
- Sunday, October 19 at 2pm
- Sunday, November 16 at 2pm

b. ISAB goals and priorities for 2014-2015

- The board decided that it will focus on advocacy and outreach for next year.

c. Thank you and reflections

- Eva thank board members for their service and gave gifts to the graduating members.
- Members shared their thoughts about serving on the board and their hopes and goals for next year.