

ISAB Meeting Agenda – March 16, 2018, 1pm

Reves Conference Room, 2nd floor of Reves Center

In attendance: Arun Kumar Baskar, Chenxi Lu, Youngjun “YJ” Yi, Jennifer Beckensteiner, Archana Radhakrishnan, Johnson Liu and Eva Wong.

1. ISSP Reports to ISAB

a. International Students & Scholars Statistics

- One page infographic – last year, ISAB had requested for a more colorful and accessible summary of the stats
- Members noticed one of the stats were missing labels (“scholars and students”)
- Members asked for the more in-depth stats to be still included on the website

b. Presentation to Ugrad Honor Council on March 25

- Eva will present to the Ugrad Honor Council and cover the following topics:
 - Overview of international student population at W&M
 - Challenges international students might face when going through the honor process
 - Consequences of a suspension
 - How we can work together to support international students
- Discussion on the W&M Honor Code:
 - Make Reves resources and support more available to international students going through the honor process
 - Prevention and education is key
 - School of Business & Law School – Reminders and education throughout the semester
 - School of Business – Consistent language and expectations in all syllabi. Uses plagiarism detection software
 - VIMS, A&S and Ugrad – Covered during orientation but hardly any other reminders or education after that
- Suggestions to help international students observe the Honor Code
 - Ugrad – Mandatory “refresher” modules. Holds on student accounts for not completing the modules

- Grad – Reach out to Grad Honor Councils. Eva can do this in the Fall
- Plagiarism detection software to be offered by SWEM? Students can then be responsible for checking their own papers
- Raise awareness about the Honor Council and encourage international students to run for the Honor Councils. There needs to be international student representations on the councils.

c. Outreach Interviews

- Please type up a summary of your interviews in one document and email your summaries to Hannah Leich (globe@wm.edu) by **Friday, March 23**. Be sure to include your students' profiles (e.g., name, country, years at W&M or VIMS, major, gender, etc.) at the top of the summaries.
- As expected, members had contacted their students but many of the students did not respond. Eva – At this point, if you have the time, you can invite peers you know to be interviewed
- Eva – We used to do the outreach interviews in the Fall but decided to do them in the Spring this time. It looks like Spring is a much busier time for everyone and we will most move back the interviews to the Fall.

2. ISAB Updates and Discussion

a. ISAB Logo and T-shirts sample

- Members liked the design. However, they preferred to have W&M in white with the cypher if possible.

b. Review of new ISAB member application and process

- Maicoll will also be graduating this semester. Therefore, we have openings for 2 undergrad representatives and 1 MBA student
- JY, Jennifer and Maicoll has agreed to serve on the selection committee. We will now require interviews as part of the selection process. Eva will interview the

nominees and committee members are invited to join the interview if they are available.

- Members reviewed the application questions. Chenxi and YJ completed applications last semester and found the questions to be useful and appropriate.
- Members looked at the Fall 2018 meeting dates.

c. Updates from members (e.g., information and/or questions that Reves should know/that are important to international students)

- YJ – Are there any updates on the Ugrad Admission panels and tours? Eva – I will meet with Ugrad Admissions in April to discuss offering the campus tours in different languages. International students have already been invited for the panels. I will touch base with Ugrad Admission on the planning of the panels.
- Jennifer – Cathy Cake & Linda Schaffner is putting together a program similar to Global Friends at VIMS. Most of the volunteers would be the community members already providing English language tutoring to the students.
- Maicoll – There are four commencement awards and it would be nice to have an award that specifically acknowledges international students. Eva – ISSP presents 4-5 International Student Achievement Awards to international students every spring. Recipients of the awards will be invited to be publicly recognized at “An Evening of Excellence: William & Mary Celebrates Student Achievement” ceremony in Spring.
- Jennifer – For the nominated awards, how is the information given to faculty? Eva – We send out the information through a staff and faculty listerv. We also send the information to department administrators whom we work closely with and ask them to help share the announcement within their departments. However, I do think that the process could be made more transparent to the students.
- Jennifer – Attended the recent Grad Student Symposium and noticed that even though international students present very well, they rarely receive awards. She wonders if they do not receive awards because of their accents. Eva – Sometimes a listener might be “distracted” by an accent and thus may not give the presenter proper credit for the presentation. I think we can help to educate

the symposium coordinator and judges about linguistic differences amongst presenters.

- Arachana – A&S offers an Oral Presentation Skills course. Perhaps presenters can be encouraged to enroll in the course before the Symposium.

3. Future Meeting

Friday, April 13, 3pm