

**International Education Council  
May 10, 2017**

**Minutes**

*Committee members present: John Binkley (Chair), Ahmed Alwan (Oviatt Library), Sandra Chong (MDCOE), Daniel Degrauel (DNCOBAAE), Geraldine E. Sare (UGS), Jane Sun (Tseng College), Keiko Hirata (CSBS), Weimin Sun (COH)*

*Department Liaisons present: Wei Cao (HHD), Kimberly Embleton (Oviatt Library), Ellie Kazemi (CSBS), Gisela Lanzas (CSBS), Daniela Gerson (CAMC), Sami Maalouf (CECS), Samira Moughbrabi (HHD), Vahab Pournaghshband (CECS), Patricia Seymour (HHD), Justine Su (MDCOE), Andrew Surmani (CAMC), Maryam Tabibzadeh (CECS), Nayereh Tohidi (MEIS)*

*Guests: Eleanor Wolgsat on behalf of Marta Lopez (IESC)*

**Call to Order**

John Binkley, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Extended University Commons Conference Room 101 (EU 101).

**New Business**

**Introduction: International Education Council**

John Binkley explained the origins of the International Education Council. John mentioned that the International Education Council has a webpage on CSUN's website. The website can be found on the CSUN home page under several drop down menus listed as "All Things International". The webpage is named International Education Council. <http://www.csun.edu/tsengcollege/international/international-education-council>. John Binkley also introduced the All Things International drop down link located on the CSUN website.

The meeting minutes will be posted on the webpage and the International Education Council meets twice a semester.

**NAFSA: Association of International Educators 2017 Conference**

John Binkley gave a brief overview of the upcoming NAFSA Conference for International Educators. He mentioned that there is a conference fee and it will be held at the Convention Center in Downtown Los Angeles on May 28, 2017 to June 2, 2017. The theme of the upcoming conference is "Expanding Community, Strengthening Connections". He encouraged all members to share the event information with their respective departments. It was mentioned that Northridge has their own booth for the convention that was designed by CSUN students.

## **Best Practices for Integrating International and Domestic Students**

John Binkley discussed Best Practices for Integrating International and Domestic Students. All committee members were encouraged to break into small groups, for thirty minutes to discuss Best Practices for Integrating International and Domestic Students. It was requested that all committee members highlight individual practices that CSUN can use in the future.

*Seeking Best Practices for Integration International and Domestic Students.*

[https://global.umn.edu/icc/documents/14\\_integration\\_best\\_practices\\_overall.pdf](https://global.umn.edu/icc/documents/14_integration_best_practices_overall.pdf)

After breaking into small groups, all members reconvened and discussed how best to integrate international and domestic students at CSUN. John Binkley requested that all committee members continue to review the handout on Best Practices for Integrating International and Domestic Students. Members were encouraged to email John any feedback and ideas regarding best practices.

John Binkley mentioned that he would work with Marta Lopez, from the International and Exchange Student Center (IESC), and compile a list of current opportunities that exist at CSUN for integrating international and domestic students. He explained that the list will be shared with all committee members. John Binkley also requested that committee members should share (via email) any international activities that are occurring within their respective departments.

## **Announcements**

Eleanor Wolgsat from the International and Exchange Student Center (IESC) discussed the various activities for international students at CSUN. All activities are listed on the IESC website under the sub-heading "Get Involved".

International and Exchange Student Center Activities Webpage

<http://www.csun.edu/international/get-involved>

## **Open Discussion**

There was a brief discussion on the charge of the committee. John Binkley explained the charge of the committee and Sandra Chong gave recommendations to the International Education Council.

## **Adjournment**

Having no further business to discuss, John Binkley adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Prepared by Nicole Wilson