IEC - Meeting Minutes
May 12th, 2023; 1:30PM - 2:45PM
Meeting Modality → Zoom

(*Action items in red)

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I. Welcome – Jimmy Gandhi, Associate Dean, Tseng College

Jimmy Gandhi, Kathie Marsaglia, Nola Kennedy, Maryam Tabibzadeh, Kah Chun Lau, Anastasia Timmer, Aaron Lindberg, Rika Meyers, Khanum Shaikh, Jacob Jensen, Joong-Won Lee, Brianna Limas, W. Gabriel Selassie I, Dean Sare, Andrew Surmani, David Boyajian, Na Wen, Vickie Yu, Kunpeng Li

II. Meeting Discussion

- Jimmy starts the discussion by talking about the student surveys
  → Poor response rate (first time) → only received 55 responses across campus for the student survey
  - Survey was resent out and this time, roughly 530 responses were turned in

- Jimmy goes over IEC Faculty Survey Numbers with faculty
  → Sent out to 720 faculty members
  → Received 115 responses
  → Response rate of approx. 16%
  → Analysis (of the collected data) was done and is being presented to the IEC
  → Initial input is being requested for recommendations report
  - Jimmy also mentions checking for overlap within student and faculty surveys (*hence the word ‘initial’*)

- Jimmy shares tableau of survey analysis for IEC Faculty Survey, and represented departments bubble chart with faculty
● Dean asks about the connections to universities outside the U.S. chart
  - Jimmy explains that this is for preparation to possibly coordinate international experiences for students and faculty

● While presenting faculty responses regarding international travel, Jimmy asks faculty for their input regarding effective manners in getting information about international led experiences out there
  - Gabriel explains that anytime he asked about the process for traveling outside the U.S., no one could give him a straight answer. After requesting an email of the powerpoint with the steps, they still haven’t received anything back
  
  → This confirms the presented data Jimmy was showing about faculty not knowing where to start on travel
  
  - Khanum would love to conduct an international experience, however she doesn’t know where to start with this
  
  - Kathie feels that the process of travel outside the U.S. is onerous and very difficult, even though the idea is interesting (post-pandemic)
  
  - Kunpeng feels that the process is easy until students are involved. Feels like it would be helpful to have a standard contract from CSUN.

  → The trip to Germany had to be canceled due to legal procedure disagreements

  → The trip to Taiwan was also canceled due to ticket price and lack of contract approval.

➢ Jimmy would like to follow up with that model Gabriel suggested to get the word out to various departments

● Jimmy shares the data regarding perceived barriers in foreign travel with faculty
  
  - Kunpeng feels like some of the colleges and/or departments don’t encourage international travel

  - Kathie says that this issue is not an issue in the college of science and math
- Khanum says that there isn’t a specific allocated budget for international travel, but she doesn’t consider that to be a barrier.

- Jimmy shares data for preferred type of program with faculty

- Jimmy shares data for preferences of geographical location for study abroad/international trips through CSUN with faculty

- Kathie feels that the grouping could be better for the countries

- Jimmy shares data for preferred size of group to take overseas with faculty

- Dean feels like there should be an international trip for seniors in their final year, that they can save up for in advance

- Jimmy explains that logistically, it’s a lot of responsibility (in terms of student numbers) to take a whole class

- Kathie explains that she used to take students on trips, but now there’s a thing that requires all trips with students to have to be a part of some sort of class

- Jimmy shares data on preferred housing setting with faculty

- Jimmy shares data on preferred class level in terms of who could participate for this trip
  
  ➢ Jimmy asks faculty about their opinions regarding class level for trip participation

  - Some of the faculty feel like it’s a little worrisome to take freshmen or sophomores on these trips, especially if they’re not used to leaving the valley

- Jimmy says that even if they established that juniors/seniors are the only eligible groups to attend international trips, they wouldn’t want to unintentionally create any obstacles that would delay their graduation

- Jimmy shares data on spending for international experience

- Jimmy shares data on opinions regarding foreign language offerings’ sufficiency at CSUN as it pertains to international travel

- Jimmy asks faculty about opinions regarding ILO alignment with internationalization
• Dean voiced that it can’t be necessarily mandated
  ➢ Jimmy explains that even if international travel were not necessarily mandated, whatever it be should focus on internationalization alignment with ILOs
• Jimmy shares data on current resources
• Jimmy shares data on promotion and tenure