



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

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