

International Students Update

November 4, 2014

International Student Program Advisory Committee

- Committee continues to meet on a regular basis with Silver Calzada (counseling faculty) as the co-chair and the addition of two new committee members: Renu Katoch (classified) and Daniel Cantrell (faculty)
- An ongoing discussion point has been the clarification of the definition of the term “international students” to mean “F-1 (visa) students.”
- The committee has recommended a name change to: ***International Students Advisory Committee***
- Recommended change to purpose: “The ***F-1 International Students Advisory Committee reviews, discusses and makes recommendations regarding F-1 student enrollment.***”
- Two function statements are recommended to be changed:
 - 4. Studies the potential ***growth*** impact of ***F-1*** international students on ***the*** college.
 - 5. ***As a result of data and research,*** makes ***planning*** recommendations with regard to the development and expansion of ***F-1*** international students ***enrollment.***
- These changes are being forwarded to the Academic Senate for review

Review of Surveys

- The committee has reviewed the Mt. SAC Employee Survey related to International Students and is slated to review the Mt. SAC Student Survey related to International Students.
- The committee has also reviewed, and will continue to review course taking patterns and student enrollment counts by instructional division, department, and courses.
- The committee plans to conduct focus groups with faculty from both instruction and student support services, to gather more detailed insights to the potential impact of continued growth of international students enrolling at the college.

Presentation to President’s Advisory Council

- Once the analyses have been completed on the survey and additional data has been collected and analyzed, the committee will move forward to make a presentation to President’s Advisory Council.
- The presentation will cover:
 - Demographics and enrollment patterns of international students
 - Summarized results and implications from the Employee Survey of the perceived impact of international students
 - Summarized results and implications from the Student Survey related to students’ service utilization, experiences and challenges as students at Mt. SAC

International Education Education Week: November 17-21, 2014

- Kick-off event: Tuesday, November 18, 11:00 a.m. – Student Life Center
 - 11:00 musical ensemble featuring professor Irene Shiao and an international student performer

- 11:30 Global Perspective and Experiences Panel (students and faculty, F-1 international students and Study Abroad)
 - 12:00 International Food Tasting
- Culture and Global Information Fair: Wednesday, November 19, 10 a.m. to 1 pm – Student Life Center Patio
 - Clubs and organizations ranging from Human Trafficking and Global Opportunities to representatives from Korea, Vietnam, Pacific Islands, El Salvador
 - 10:00 a.m. cultural dance performances (Polynesian and Mexican Folklorico)
 - 11:00 a.m. Masanga Marimba musical performance
- Workshops: Thursday, November 20, 2014 (register through POD)
 - Social Media Across the Globe
 - Evaluating International Education: Credential Services
 - Cultural Differences in Education
 - Culture Shock
- International Students Center Open House: Friday, November 21, 2014, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon – Student Services Center, 2nd floor