

08NOV2014 Council Weekend # 3

International BREAKOUT

Discussion

International Programming

John Shaffer: Insight of the International Fees

The fee is specifically that assist with the international programs, through Global Programs and Admissions/Academic/Staff Services that are not already offered for them both at University and Commonwealth Campuses.

Andrea: Just emphasized what John said, like hiring more staffers to assist with the increase of international services. Making sure the offices that are

Maria (Abington): What is the money going to be allocated?

John: We don't have a legit answer yet

Maria: Recommendation of the big sister/big bro program (bilingual)

Devin (Berks): Thanksgiving Dinner at Berks is a gathering for international students, events like will the fee cover that?

John: No answer yet.

Devin: Can we recommend an audit of the breakdown of the fee?

John: A good recommendation

Nate (Worthington Scranton): Is this fee university wide?

John: Yes, every international student pays it, UP or Commonwealth

Nate: Should we see a change in staff? Services?

John: Again do not have the answers...

Alex Williams (Wilkes-Barre): Joint Service between caucus, for these international students... since most campuses do not have a large population of international students.

Discussion about the money (cost specifically)...Why \$500? Again no answer

Nate (Worthington Scranton): Why was it implemented without a plan of action and involvement from students...

John: Because of the possible debt in the international departments already had and to hire staffers for this year.

Angela: What does each campus does to welcome international students?

Maria(Abington): We do have flags of different cultures around

Devin(Berks): I think during the summer or holidays when the campus is closed, the int'l students have to go to hotels... Union Day program...13 orgs of different cultures

Fayette: University Staff providing student to the airport, English Corner, community weekends, thanksgiving dinner...Home welcome barbeque, off campus housing pen all year round

Dante(Hazelton): Shuttle to and from the airport, flags of different countries, cultural expo (SAF)

Mont Alto: Try to accommodate any int'l students they have (language), they do not have many int'l students, do not have staff.

Schuykill: Provides transportation for holidays... except for thanksgiving (but the campus is still open), no int'l student programs

Wilkes Barre: No on campus housing, van service (airport or groceries), they do have flags (USA) and some other countries, international cultures club.

Worthington: Scranton: we do not really anything of a welcoming nature, we have a club that is kinda non existent, staffers are very welcoming tho

York: Coffee Hour, Club, International Student orientation...

Angela: FIJI – works to bring int'l and domestic together... Student orientation works closely with NSO. Trying to bring domestic students to the orientation and spend time with int'l students... trying to make this university wide... trying to make it to commonwealth campuses...

GELLI... half and half... work together in global citizenship... learning about the world at your campus... wants the lifestyle

International Education Week, trying to make it a university wide...

Website: global.psu.edu/iew

Discussion of Legislation:

Andrea Summary! Gail Input!

Regional Basis

Regional International Staff (Caucus based) kinda...if the specific campus doesn't have specific staff for their int'l students

Contact Person when you just come to the UP and Penn State

Maria: International Mentorship program and a class to acclimate to English

Wilkes Barre: Student Affairs staff does work with the international students, says that there is one student that once he got in the states he waited a year before he started school.

Berks: International Mentorship program, dining, housing, school help them out in every aspect, very affective

Maria (Abington): Recommendation: International students living with American families before school starts, or an international exchange program thing... lion ambassabor (int'l)

Regional Event/Contact Info at each campus...

Devin: (discussed suggestion for the legislation)

Maria: Can we postpone the voting for this legislation, until January Council

Put it to a vote: Majority rules to postpone so the student can talk to their international students and staff about the draft of the legislation.

Andrea: Emphasize how important that international students have a great penn state experience...

(discussed a draft at lunch)