

IES Committee Monthly Meeting

Date: 11.01.24

Time: noon-1 pm

Location: Zoom

Attendance: Carmen Caceda, Ya-Fang Cheng, Jose E. Coll, Tim Cowart, Feier Hou, Dani Lane, Joe Macade, Rajeeb Poudel, Ricardo Pelegrín-Taboada, Sean Roush, Erin Trine

Action Items

- [] Everyone: Explore events and activities that other universities do to support international students.
- [] Carmen - Reach out to the Multicultural Center to explore potential collaboration opportunities.
- [] Plan an online event in December to connect with new international students, potentially including prizes or giveaways.
- [] Continue planning for an international celebration event in April or May, 2025

Outline

Welcoming new members, appointing vice president, and voting procedures.

- Ya-Fang introduces new members (Miyuki and Paula) and discusses rotation of leadership roles.
Discusses Vice President position. Ya-Fang will send out a poll.

Goals for academic year, including international student support and funding.

- Setting goals for monthly meetings to raise awareness on campus to support international students.
- Discussing ways to make new international students feel connected and supported at the university.
 - Reach out to students individually, gather their contact information, and send them postcards/care packages to express care and invite them to events.
 - Discussed hosting International Celebration Week/Day in April or May

Plans for the December meeting

- Inviting international students to Dec meeting to share experiences, build networks and share experiences.
- Discussed potential dates that work for some members of the community, while acknowledging busy family time and end-of-year schedules.
- Planned events for international students. Ideas include a photography competition, thanksgiving dinners with local families, gingerbread decorations, and any events that celebrate holidays together
- Explore networking with programs for multicultural engagement.