

IES Committee Monthly Meeting

Date: 04.04.25

Time: noon-1 pm

Location: Zoom

Attendance: : Miyuki Arimoto, Ya-Fang Cheng, Rajeeb Poudel, Joe Macade, Rajeeb Poudel, Feier Hou

Action Items

- [] All committee members promote the event by emailing students and posting flyers around campus.
- [] Ya-Fang Cheng - Apply for the competitive grant to fund the International Education Week event and provide emergency assistance for international students.
- [] Ya-Fang Cheng - Reach out to Joseph Macade to gather flags, decorations, and potential food items from different countries for the event.
- [] Ya-Fang Cheng - Confirm availability and assign committee members to volunteer at the event tables.

Outline

- **International Student Recruitment**
 - Joe discusses the high level of interest in Western Oregon University before tariffs were imposed, particularly in Vietnam.
 - Joseph mentions the uncertainty and lack of resources in dealing with the situation, emphasizing the need for administrative commitment to international programs.
 - Joseph discussed the lack of new students for the spring term, with a no-show from a student from Kenya and the impact of federal staffing cuts on embassies and consulates.

Challenges with Joint Degree Programs and Student Anxiety

- Joe mentions working with Chinese organizations on joint degree programs, which are now tied up in the review process indefinitely.
- Joe advises international students to avoid international travel until they finish their studies due to potential harassment at airports.
- Joe discusses the anxiety among international students and the importance of being cautious in uncertain times.

Meeting Logistics and Transition Planning

- Ya-Fang congratulates Danni on her election as vice chair and suggests co-chairing with her for a shorter transition period next year.
- The committee discusses potential funding opportunities from Foundations and the need for emergency support for international students.

Planning for International Education Week Event

- Ya-Fang shares the agenda for the International Education Week event on April 24, from 11 AM to 2 PM.
- The event will coincide with an Oregon School Activities Association speech competition, which may attract high school students as potential future students.
- Ya-Fang outlines the various tables and activities planned for the event, including Japanese fish flag, henna tattoos, world language appreciation, origami, and a book display in the library.

Coordination and Promotion of the Event

- Ya-Fang requests The committee to promote the event by putting flyers outside their offices and sending emails to international students.
- Joe offers to check for flags and decorative items in room 408.
- The committee discussed the logistics of setting up tables and chairs for the event, with a preference for hosting it in the lobby for better visibility.
- Ya-Fang and Joe plan to connect next week to finalize details and gather materials for the event.