

**International Education Meeting
02/15/2024 Minutes**

I. Meeting Called to order at 1:00 PM

II. Roll Call

- 1) Donna Woodford-Gormley, Chair
 - 2) Jacob Avery
 - 3) Taik Kim
 - 4) Dolores Ortega
 - 5) Tina Clayton
 - 6) Emmanuel Nkwenti, Secretary
- Debalina Maitra was not present today.

III Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. Jacob made a motion to approve, seconded by Emmanuel. The motion carried.

IV Approval of 11/16/2023 Minutes

The minutes having been sent by the Chair, were reviewed. No changes were noted. Jacob moved for adoption, seconded by Taik. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, the minutes for 1/25/24 were reviewed. No corrections were noted. Jacob moved for approval, seconded by Taik. The motion carried.

V Report from the Chair

- The Chair spoke with the Faculty Senate regarding the need for another at-large member. After reviewing the handbook, they agreed that there is no need for another member at this time. The handbook does not mention an international student member of this committee although everyone is free to attend. At a future date, if there is revision of the membership, the IEC would gladly accept the change.
- The IEC Report to the Faculty Senate will be due by March 1st. The committee will need to review the Draft Report before it is submitted. The review can be done on-line after the Draft has been completed by the Chair and shared. Input can then be entertained from all members of the IEC. If there is a need for another ad-hoc meeting, the Chair will summon the committee to such a meeting.
- A student sent a Thank-You note regarding help that they received from Tina regarding an Immigration problem that they had.

VI International Education Center Director's Report (Tina)

- The Report cannot be completed today as the numbers are still coming in and may be complete by tomorrow. Tina will have a complete report on the numbers by the next meeting. So far, she believes that we are up around 6% Spring to Spring but could be slight down from the Fall.

- Students are being reminded to file right away for work authorizations and OPTs as it appears rules will be changing soon, and fees may become more expensive.
- To a question regarding assistance from Benito & Caroline, Tina stated that she has no control over Caroline – The DSO, because she works in another office. To the question whether Caroline helped in the answering of emails and the numerous inquiries that come in every day to the ISO, Tina answered in the negative. This issue of emails and correspondence to the ISO is becoming an issue because the students raised this as a serious concern during their meeting on 01/25/2024. It is hoped that this will be addressed in the Report to the Faculty Senate.

VII Old Business

- The Report on challenges to the ISO was covered in both Tina's report.
- The IEC meeting will be April 4th at 1:00PM. The Chair will confirm.

VIII New Business

- Tuition Reduction for International Students. Taik reviewed the published rates, and the IEC agreed that a recommendation be made to the Board of Regents to consider reducing the International rates to at least the Out of State rates for all international students. This will also be included in the Report.

At 1:42 PM, Taik made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jacob. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.