

International Education Meeting
02/27/2025 Minutes

I. Meeting Called to order at 12:01 PM

II. Roll Call

- 1) Donna Woodford-Gormley, Chair
- 2) Jacob Avery
- 3) Taik Kim
- 4) Emmanuel Nkwenti
- 5) Kemar Green

II Approval of Agenda

Ms. Caroline Montoya – International student Director's Report, will not be available. Move Kemar Green up because he has another meeting at 12:30PM. With these changes made. Jacob made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Taik. The motion carried.

III Kemar Green's Report

-The International Student's office is closed – there is hearsay that Tina left because she had no assistance
-International Students organized a Seminar on OPTs and asked Career Services and Ms. Montoya to attend but only Career Services came. Ms. Montoya did not come and made no excuse for not coming. Students need more information on OPTs. Dr. Woodford-Gormley said that Ms. Montoya, who was unable to be at the IEC meeting, had asked for a list of concerns and issues brought up. Dr. Woodford-Gormley said she would tell Ms. Montoya about the need for information on OPTs.

IV Approval of Minutes 02/06/2025

With no corrections to be made, Jacob moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Taik. The motion carried.

IV Chair's Report

- Donna reminded the Committee that the listening session with the students will be on March 27th from 12Noon to 1:00PM. She would like a good turnout. It will be at the SUB Room 322. Kemar says he'll create a Google Doc and send to all international students to elicit their concerns before the meeting.
- The President, VP Blea, AVP Pacheco and Ms. Montoya have all been invited to the meeting.
- We are still one committee member short
- Although Caroline is not here today, she says that the International Students office is running well. Another DSO will be added on Monday. I20s for the fall semester were processed in the order received.
- The Chair met with an international student who had been sent to her regarding a meal plan. The student had a cultural/medical reasons. The student was frustrated because previously, under the old plan, exemptions had been granted but now it seems Dr. Blea is following the rules and would not grant the exception.

- There was a suggestion that Kemar meet with the Chair to go over concerns before the listening session. The chair said that she would reach out to Kemar since he was no longer present.
- The IEC made another suggestion – that the Chair publicize and advertise the listening session/meeting over NMHU global, if possible
- Jacob requested that the old listening session Report from January 25th 2024 be sent to the President, AVP Pacheco and Dr. Blea before the new listening session.
- There was a suggestion that the next listening session should be recorded
- The Chair will try to meet with international students when they meet during the last Thursday of the month
- Caroline sent a list of Stem international students to Taik
- It appears as if the Chair will be the only live IEC member at the listening session as the other members will be on Zoom

IV New Business

- There will be a meeting on April 3rd to debrief after the listening session from 12:00Noon to 1:00PM

At 12:55PM, Taik made a motion to adjourn. Jacob seconded and the adjourned at 12:56PM