International Student Support Committee

Objective

The International Student Support Committee is an academic/student life support group created with the purpose of dealing with ongoing and ad-hoc issues that arise related to international students and scholars on campus. The focus is for the group to work in a collaborative environment to create a supportive, nurturing and pleasant experience for our international students. The initial goal is for the group to exchange information regarding individual student issues as well as cohort issues related to our international population. The ISSC will meet regularly to monitor the progress and address the needs of our international students at CUA.

The group will be split into two working groups within the overall committee. The working groups will be divided into an Academic Support group and a Cultural Support group.

- Academic support will assess international student needs within the curriculum and recommend/plan support programs accordingly. This group will also discuss individual student issues which arise in their departments and amongst their faculty.
- Cultural Support group will enhance programming activities on campus. The core responsibility of this working group is to create social programs that will encourage more social interactions between international students and US students. They will be responsible for organizing events that will promote global cultures and countries as well.

Strategic Objectives

International Student Support Committee will have the following Objectives

1. Open lines of communication between academic departments concerning international student issues
2. Improve international student’s initial experience at CUA
3. Collectively resolve individual and cohort problems arising from academic adjustment, stress, cultural adjustment and immigration policy
4. Contribute to University-wide Internationalization and Community Engagement
5. Enhance the overall international student experience on campus
6. Continuously engage and educate departments with immigration regulatory updates and policy updates
7. Enhance support structure available to international students on campus

Overview of the Support Group

I. Participating Schools
   • School of Engineering
   • School of Nursing
   • Architecture
   • School of Music
   • CUA Law School
   • Arts and Sciences

II. Participating Departments
   • Career Services
   • IEP
   • Student Life
   • Housing
   • Counseling Center
   • Graduate Admission
   • Undergraduate admission
   • Academic Success

Committee Members

- Gudrun Kendon
- Roy Braine
- Andy Woodall, Graduate Admission
- Peggy Bruce, Engineering
- Ryan McKinney, Campus Activities
- Anca Nemoianu, Intensive English Program
- Krystal Dains, Housing
- Andrea Parissi, Undergraduate Admission
- Marcel Brown, Center for Academic Success
- Harriet Nokuri, Summer Sessions
- Hannah Marks, Arts and Sciences
- Jacqueline Schuman – Athletics
- Tony Chiappetta – Career Services
- Neil Sloan – Academic Success
- Omar Torres – Dean of Students
- Jamila Evans – Campus Ministry
- Father Jude – Campus Ministry
- Brian Johnston
- Koko Nish – Counseling