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International Student Advisory Board

ISAB Journey, 2014 - 2021

ISAB Reunion

January 9, 2021

Establishment – 2014

→ Founding members:

- Joelle Brown
- Jeffrey Ding
- Shen Lu
- Kyra Seay
- Janet M Lawler



2014 - 2015

Members - 10

Kritika Arora, Na Mi Bang, Yuhao Chen
Clarisse Chia, Yijun "Alice" Huang
Mary Perdomo, Courtney Rohde, Cecilia
Smith, Avani Vora, Jiahong "Jason" Xu

Pride Points

- Inauguration
- Created ISAB bylaws
- Created an ISAB Facebook page (@isabiowa)
- Co-hosted events for international students to understand housing rights

2015 - 2016

Members – 9

Akash Bhalerao, Gloria Chang, Clara Keum
Wilbeth (Beth) Lugoo-Morales
Astrid Montuclard, Felipe Nicolau
Claudia Pozzobon, Shachi Vyas
Xuan “Rita” Wang, Mayela Zambrano
Noopur Inani (UISG Liaison)

Pride Points

- Met with different international students to hear their concerns
 - Connecting with departments
 - Maintained a social media presence

2016 - 2017

Members - 15

Parmeet Banwait, Shreya Chandrasekar
Adaeze Jackie Emecheta, Alejandra Escoto
Jintao He, Yu Chak “Sunny” Ho, Ellie Healy
Michael Kegel, Anis Shakirah Mohd Muslimin
Nadzreen Syakilah Ahmad Nadzri, Qiqi Shi, Yusuf Sermet
Wan Nurlaila Yusra, Mat Desa
Yi Wang, Chengxuan Xu, Brian Leal (UISG Liaison)

Pride Points

- Created a video addressing the xenophobia and racism happening on campus
 - Developed new outreach projects
- Advocated for a staff position within Division of Student Life dedicated for international students (thanks to Akash & Brian)

2017 - 2018

Members - 8

Sepand Bafti

Kyle Chapman

Marie (Synofzick) Hoppe

Jas Khairulshazwan Jas Saripudeen

Jingwen Liu

Jeremy Marks

Yufei "Mia" Qu

Ziling "Fiona" Xia

Apoorva Raikwar (UISG Liaison)

2017 - 2018

Pride Points

- Regular attendance for meetings
- Created a standing leadership team meeting structure
 - Revised bylaws
 - Created an ISAB logo
- Created a standard recruitment process
 - Hosted first retreat
- Hosted an international student town hall
- Created International Constituency Senator seat in UISG (thanks to Akash & Apoorva)



ISAB

International Student Advisory Board

- The globe and the different color dots representing people from across the world
- Three dots together look like a person; therefore, it also look like a group of people sitting around the table, highlighting the "advisory" function of the board

2018 - 2019

Members - 9

Tianyu Gan, Marie (Synofzick) Hoppe

Allison Kim, Tianying Liu

JJ Meyer, Sojeong Nam

Yufei "Mia" Qu, Tianru Wang

Ziling "Fiona" Xia

Alex Bare (UISG Liaison)

Yuke Zhang (International Constituency Senator)

Danielle Thomas (GPSG Liaison)

2018 - 2019

Pride Points

- Had a standing retreat structure (spring & fall)
- Embedded implicit bias training during spring retreat
- Created stand-alone Grad Board for following year
 - Created Global Roundtable
- Connected with Housing & Dining (& other departments on campus)
 - Secured funding for Get To Know Us program
 - Created ISAB Instagram account (@isab_uiowa)



2019 - 2020

Undergrad Members - 9

Rishika Avvari, Siau-Tong Ding, Allison Kim
Celine Kusnadi (member & International Constituency
Senator)

Mishma Nixon, Jia Ern Ong, Graciela Vebi
Tianru Wang, Yue “Molly” Xue
Isabela Flores (UISG Liaison)

Grad Members - 4

Piroska Boros, Jeongwoon Jeong
Sojeong Nam, Yeji Son
Moala Bannavti (GPSG Liaison)



2019 - 2020

Pride Points

- A standing leadership team member check-in (UG)
 - Completed note analysis project
- Transitioned all operation to online format end of spring semester, including recruitment
 - Grad board expansion for the following year
 - Grad board hosted a series of focus groups
 - Get To Know Us Program kick-off
- Started to attend campus-wide meetings representing international students

2020 - 2021

Undergrad Members -

Nafisa Kamal Ayntee
Mary Hartel
Tejaswini Kannan
Yangyi “Edward” Luo
Mishma Nixon
Youkun Wang
Xinyi Wu
Zephyr Xiao

Grad Members – 7

Alaa Albashayreh
Redwan Bin Abdul Baten
Jeff Lai
Gordon Louie
Frankline Matanji
Yeji Son
Soumya Venkitakrishnan

2020 - 2021

Pride Points

- Operate online completely (with several UG members outside of the U.S.)
- Ongoing projects: Global Roundtable & Get To Know Us Program, Note analysis project
 - New Projects: Survey on International Student Experience with USG, Grant/fellowship project (Grad) & Mentorship Program (UG & Grad)
- Leadership team meet with Dr. Russ Ganim, Dr. Maria Bruno, USG & GPSG monthly
- Advocated to have textbooks shipped internationally and to add time zone display in MyUI (with USG)
 - More to come!

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Thank you!

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