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International Student Advisory Board

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Spring 2022 Information Session

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ISAB History

- ISAB, established in 2014, is a joint initiative between University of Iowa Student Government, Graduate & Professional Student Government, International Programs, and the Division of Student Life.





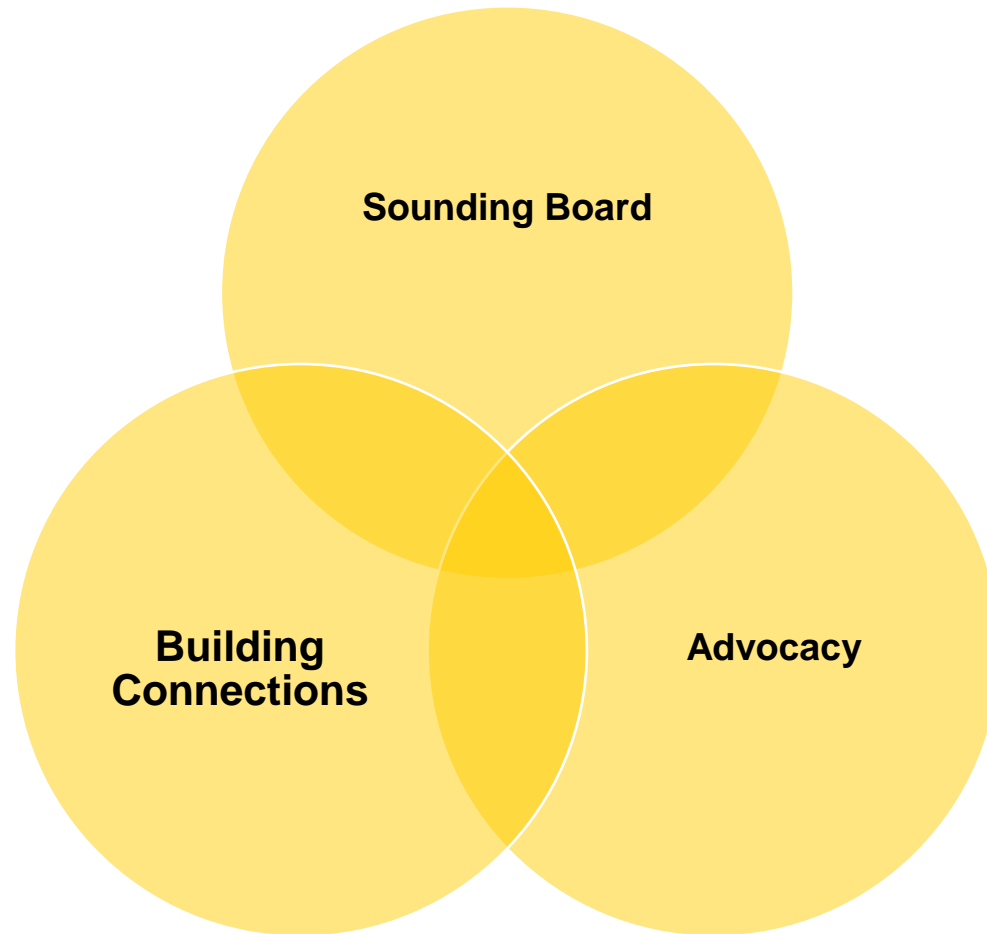
ISAB'S Mission

The International Student Advisory Board (ISAB) seeks to voice international student concerns, to advocate for international student needs and improve international student experience, and to advocate for a more inclusive campus environment for international students.

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What We Do





ISAB As A Sounding Board

Meeting with University Departments and Administrators

- During our weekly meeting, we invite different university departments to share what they do, and questions they have regarding working with international students. ISAB members will provide input or recommendations.

- Departments that ISAB has met with so far in 2021 – 2022:
 - International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)
 - Division of Student Life
 - Career Center
 - Academic Advising Center
 - Graduate College

UG Board Meetings with University Departments and Administrators (2021/2022)

1. Russ Ganim, Dean of International Programs.
2. Garry Klein, Senior Specialist, Inclusive Partnerships(career coach), Career Center
3. Elizabeth Tovar, Associate VP of Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
4. Reagan Smock, President of USG (Undergraduate Student Government).
5. Sarah Hansen, the Vice President of Student Life.
6. Michael Bortscheller , Associate Director of International Student and Scholar Services.
7. Elizabeth Savelkoul, Program Coordinator, Graduate College
8. Jen Teitle, Program Coordinator, Graduate College
9. Vivian Sheridan, Program Coordinator, Graduate College

Graduate Board Meetings with Administrators

When	Office	Who	What was discussed
10/22/21	College of Public Health liaison	Khyathi Gadag	Establishing a structure where international students' health needs can be communicated to campus leadership.
10/28/21	Student Care and Assistance Office (SCAO)	Steph Beecher (representing Angie Reams)	What her office does and feedback on our clothing drive idea.
10/28/21	Graduate College	Jen Teitle	What her office does and feedback on our video project idea.
11/11/21	Division of Student Life	Shuhui Lin (representing Alicia Aguiar)	Assessing how much grad students know about the resources available for them on campus.

A photograph of a person walking on a snow-covered path lined with trees in winter. The scene is overcast and the ground is covered in a thick layer of snow. The trees are bare and have some snow on their branches. A yellow banner with black text is overlaid on the image.

ISAB As An Advocacy Group

Advocacy on behalf of international students

- Advocated for a staff position within Division of Student Life to focus on the needs of international students (2016 – 2017)

- Created International Constituency Senator seat in Undergraduate Student Government (2017 – 2018)

Advocacy on behalf of international students

- Advocated for free international textbooks shipping (2020-2021).
- Conducted a survey about international students' concerns, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic (2020-2021).
- Created infographics for departments and colleges about supporting international students in different time zones in the pandemic (2020 - 2021)
- Member serves as an international student representative on English language testing working group (2020 – 2021)



Building Connections

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Building Connections with International Student Organizations

- ISAB hosted Global Roundtable, a leadership roundtable that brings together international and multicultural student organizations to share ideas and network.
- Around 20 organizations participated in the Roundtable in Fall 2020.



Internal Development

In addition to the main functions of the board, ISAB also continue to develop as a group.

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Internal Development

- Continuing to grow individually and as a board is essential to fulfilling ISAB's mission to advocate for international students.
 - Retreats
 - NCBI Training
 - Implicit Bias Training
 - Networking
 - Alumni Reunion
 - Additional skill building as needed

➤ And we have fun!



ISAB's Future Direction

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- ISAB was created to fill the gap in providing international student perspectives
- Moving forward, ISAB will focus more on advisory & advocacy effort





Why ISAB?

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- Advocate for international student needs
- Voice international student concerns
- Improve international student experience
- Advocate for a more inclusive campus for international students.



Who are we looking for?



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- Undergraduate, graduate, and professional students
- Passionate about advocating for international students and improving international student experience
- Interested in giving back to the international student community

2021 – 2022 ISAB

Commitment & Leadership

2022 – 2023 ISAB Commitment

➤ **Two full-day retreats:**

→ Saturday, August 27, 2022, 9:00am-4:00pm

→ Saturday, January 21, 2023, 9:00am-4:00pm

➤ Must attend a **full-day NCBI training** in the fall semester (7 hours)

➤ Must attend **2 joint meeting** from 9:00am-10:30am on Saturday, October 7, 2022 and Saturday, April 22, 2023
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➤ Graduate board members must attend **bi-weekly** graduate board meeting (1.5 hours)

➤ Undergraduate board members must attend **weekly** undergraduate board meeting on Fridays, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

➤ Members are expected to devote roughly **10 hours per month** (for meetings, outreach, projects, email or in person communication, etc.)

➤ Maintain communication between board meetings

➤ If members are interested in implementing new initiatives, additional meeting will be needed

Expected tasks as a member

- Regular meetings with USG, GPSG and other administrative offices.
- Preparation for weekly/biweekly board meetings.
- Opportunities for getting invited to lunches and dinners with various administrators.
- Maintaining communication and contact with fellow ISAB members.

Examples of tasks

- Talk about your experience as an international student accessing mental health service here at Iowa, or reasons for not accessing mental health service
- Respond to an email from advisor/leadership asking about your feedback on ISSS website
- Lead an initiative to create an initiative and schedule meetings with campus partners to brainstorm ideas and implement the ideas
- Help create a social media post/newsletter to share out information you received as an ISAB member

2022 – 2023 ISAB Leadership

- Attend weekly leadership team meeting
- Take lead on initiatives and communication
- Attend additional meetings, such as meetings with student governments, administrators, etc.
- Leadership team members must be available for transition meetings during the summer (mostly via Zoom)

Examples of Tasks for ISAB leadership Team Member

- Plan board meetings and reach out to invite speakers
 - Work with members to gather thoughts and feedback for invited speakers
- Discussing and brainstorming ideas about how to engage and support general members
- Determine on schedule for the board
- Maintain an active network with ISAB's stakeholders
- Maintain a presence on campus, whether that is social media or participating in meetings or initiatives

Election process for leadership team

- Elections held annually in the spring transition/onboarding meeting to provide all members with an opportunity to lead and expand their commitment to ISAB
- Only eligibility to contest is to be a member
- Send brief presentation/written statement in advance to Lin (a word document / 2-minute video)
- Highlight reasons for interest in the role
- New members encouraged to apply

Questions?

Currently accepting members for next academic year.



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Thank you!

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