

10 Years of International Student Advisory Board

Board Composition Overview

Year	# of Board	# Countries/Territories Represented	Total # of Members	# of Grad Members	# of Undergrad Members
2014 - 2015	1	6	10	5 (roughly)	5 (roughly)
2015 - 2016	1	7	9	More	Less
2016 - 2017	1	8	15	Less	More
2017 - 2018	1	5	8	2	6
2018 - 2019	1	4	9	1	8
2019 - 2020	2	8	13	4	9
2020 - 2021	2	9	15	7	8
2021 - 2022	2	10	20	10	10
2022 - 2023	2	12	19	10	9
2023 - 2024	2	15	22	14	8

Board Operation Timeline

- Summer: Leadership team member onboarding
- August: Fall retreat & first meeting
- September – November: General meetings
- November: Leadership team starts planning for spring retreat & spring semester
- January: Spring retreat & first meeting
- February – March: Online application for next academic year open
- February – April: General Meeting
- March: Exit survey/meeting
- April: Board member interview & selection
- April: Transition meeting (outgoing & incoming board)
- End-of-April/Beginning-of-May: Last meeting

Accomplishments

Notes:

- **Bold bullet points** are the projects/initiatives that are continuing until Fall 2023.
- *Italic bullet points* are projects/initiatives that campus partners/ISSS took on and continued.
- All bullet points with “*” were mental health focus initiatives/projects resulted from the 2020 international student experience survey

Year	Projects/Initiatives	External/Structural Impacts
2014 - 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created ISAB Facebook page • Co-hosted events for international students to understand housing rights 	
2015 - 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with different international students to hear their concerns • Connected with departments • Maintained a social media presence 	
2016 - 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created a video addressing the xenophobia and racism happening on campus • Developed new outreach projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocated for a staff position (half) within the Division of Student Life dedicated for int'l students
2017 - 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted an international student town hall • Created an ISAB logo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created an International Constituency Senator Seat in Undergraduate Student Government (USG)
2018 - 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created Global Roundtable • Connected with Housing & Dining (& other depts on campus) • Took over Get To Know Us program from USG and secured funding for the program • Created ISAB Instagram account 	
2019 - 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grad board hosted a series of focus groups & analyze the data • Get To Know Us Program kick-off • Started attending campus-wide meetings representing international students 	
2020 - 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Roundtable & Get To Know US program (hosted & closing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership team meet with Dr. Russ Ganim, Dr. Maria Bruno, USG & GPSG monthly

2021 – 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy on behalf of international students related to immigration regulations • Survey on International Student Experience with USG* • Engaging in conversation on potential embedded counselors for international students* • Created a peer-to-peer mentorship program (UG & Grad) (iPeer Mentorship Program) • Advocated to have textbooks shipped internationally and to add time zone display in MyUI (with USG) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member serves as an international student representative on English language testing working group • Recipient of Diversity Catalyst Award
2021 – 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created videos to encourage international students to apply for grants and scholarships • Initiated a winter clothing drive • Advocated for a human rights message on war on Ukraine (message on International Programs' website) • Revised community building with ISAB, connecting with student organizations • Met with a variety of campus partners to talk about issues pertinent to international students • Hosted a soccer game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided feedback for a website of mental health resources for international • Started to participate in Fresh Check Day (campus-wide mental health fair)*
2022 – 2023*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote petition on emergency housing – shared concerns and needs from international students • Worked with administration and departments to find ways to ease the financial burdens regarding international student fee • Contributed to creating pre-arrival handbook for incoming international students • Collaborated with UCS Student Advisory Board to host Wellness Around the World* • Met with Financial Literacy to share concerns on scholarship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalized liaison with Graduate & Professional Student Government (GPSG), University Counseling Service Student Advisory Board, Suicide Prevention Taskforce
2023 – 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand international teaching assistants' experience with English Speaking Proficiency Assessment • Finalize pre-arrival handbook • 10th year anniversary celebration planning 	

Internal Development

Year	Internal Structure	Bonding/Development	Processes
2014 - 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created ISAB bylaws 		
2015 - 2016			
2016 - 2017			
2017 - 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standing general meeting Standing leadership meeting End-of-year transition meeting implemented Revised bylaws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retreat (first) Exit survey/meeting implemented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created a standard recruitment process
2018 - 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standing retreat structure Created stand-alone grad board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embedded implicit bias training during spring retreat 	
2019 - 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standing leadership team member check-in (UG) Grad board expansion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed note analysis project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised recruitment process Transitioned all operation to online format end of spring (esp. Recruitment)
2020 - 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note analysis project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operate online completely (with several members outside of the U.S.)
2021 - 2022			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transitioned back with in-person components (hybrid model)
2022 - 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restructuring ISAB to include formal liaison roles: USG, GPSG, UCS SAB, UCS Suicide Prevention Task Force 		
2023 - 2024			