

International Student Advisory Board (ISAB)



International
Programs



ISAB History

- ISAB is a joint initiative between University of Iowa Student Government, Graduate & Professional Student Government, International Programs, and the Division of Student Life.
- Established in 2014
- Past projects
 - Presentations/awareness about housing rights
 - Video response to racism towards international students:
http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x3gbew5_isab_lifestyle

ISAB Mission

The International Student Advisory Board ("ISAB") seeks to serve as a flexible interface and feedback channel for improving international students' academic, social, and general living experiences at the University of Iowa. ISAB serves to advocate for international student needs, to improve international student experience, and to bridge the gap between international and domestic students.

ISAB
Structure
2017 - 2018

- **8 members**
 - 2 graduate, 6 undergraduate
 - 2 domestic, 6 international
- **Board Officers & opportunities**
 - Board Chair, Secretary, Communications Director
 - International Student Committee Representatives (2)
- **UISG Liaison**
 - Director of Justice and Equity
 - International Constituency Senator (2018-2019)
- **Staff Advisor (Coordinator for International Student Support and Engagement)**

ISAB '17-'18

- Representation at International Student Committee
 - Result from the International Student Town Hall
- Refine ISAB's mission
 - Improving international students' experiences at the University of Iowa and increasing domestic-international student interactions
 - A joint committee of both the undergraduate and graduate & professional students
- NCBI training alongside UISG members
 - Networking and relationship building
 - Understanding diversity and building Leadership skills
- Ongoing: evaluating structure and purpose of ISAB
 - What is our mission and purpose
 - what do we want to accomplish
 - Having a better understanding of ourselves
- A more active social media presence
 - Facebook & Website

ISAB '17-'18

- First ever retreat: January 20th, 2018 @ UI Asian Pacific American Cultural Center
 - Team building, planning for the semester, preparing for Town Hall, language training
 - Networked with Student Life staff, UISG members, GESAB (Global Engagement Student Advisory Board from Tippie), and ISSS student employees
- International Student Town Hall: February 19th, 2018
 - Use feedback to pass on to appropriate offices and guide next year
 - Presented results to International Student Committees
 - Provide feedback to Pomerantz Career Center for information related to international employment



Impact

- Connect with administrators and campus community
- Increased outreach to a wider range of international students and international student groups
- Regular attendance to ensure structure development and progress

Challenges

- Continue structure development as a new advisory board
- Awareness of ISAB among students, staff, and faculty
- Cultural aspect/concept of ISAB