ISAB November Meeting: November 20th, 2015
8/9 ISAB members attended

Introductions –

Abe: We will do our best to schedule meetings so that everyone can attend. We want as many people as possible to be involved. But school comes first, and we don’t want anyone to skip class.

Our role in ISAB:
- You’ll have a lot of say in what we do throughout the year.
- We will take your recommendations and then go to the university to make changes that will make the international student experience better.
  - We will need at least 5 people to make a recommendation.
- We are here to support you, not to vote.
- You tell us what needs to be done.

ISAB members’ collective goals for this year:
- Create sustainable communication channels between students and office, but also among students themselves.
- Finding ways to integrate international students into the university, specifically in athletics.
- Schedule places or events where international students are able to meet new people and connect with their peers.
- Make the university a comfortable environment for international students. Aim at making new students feel better during their first year.
- Share information, culture and values with domestic students.
- Get the word out about ASUO for international students. There is a gap between organizations, the university and students.
- Create an overall better experience for international students.

ISAB 2014-2015 group:
- The group last year talked a lot about AEIS. Many went through the classes and wanted to know the parameters of it.
- Produced a recommendation for AEIS and it sparked some policy changes. Tested new ways to make it more effective.
- Also talked about sexual health and wellness of international students.

Abe: Be as broad and as bold as you want to be. Talk about financial aid, academics, integration, discrimination, anything you want. We will provide infrastructure but now this is your board.
ISAB has more authority to inspire change at the university. The agenda is driven by its members. Shoot an email, stop in the office or just let us know if you want something to be set on the agenda for the next meeting. People are interested in talking to ISAB members and hearing your opinions.

ISAB 2015-2016 chair elections

Julian Gakwaya is the new board chair!

Reminder – you can access our meeting minutes and agenda at our blog http://blogs.uoregon.edu/isab/

• Everything we have done before and everything we will be doing will be uploaded here