September 11, 2009
International Student Advisory Council Meeting

Agenda & Notes:

- Welcome and greetings
- Special guest, Ms. Janet Walker, Student Program Administrator and Student Advocate for the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs - attending to get more information regarding students' issues with local real estate agencies
  - Contact info: Janet Walker, 107 Norwood Hall, 341-4292; janetw@mst.edu
  - Discussion by students regarding issues they face with Investment Realty
  - CSSA president – has received as many as 10 complaints/day regarding Investment Realty
  - Students want to develop a survey to send to all students (probably through Council of Graduate Students).
  - Students encouraged to schedule a meeting with Janet Walker to discuss their problems, she needs to look at their contracts so that she can give them the best advice.
  - Janet is available to meet with clubs to discuss this issue – she can meet with students in the evenings, on the weekends – just get on her schedule
  - Question – would it help to have training for students with off campus housing?
  - ACTION – Yes, this would be helpful – Organize training program
  - Important to share information on rental options in Rolla for newly arriving students
- Special guest, Ms. Erin Hood, Student Program Administrator, Leadership and Cultural Programs – to discuss Sept 21, International Day of Peace – public event to be held in the evening.
  - Review of purpose of the office of Leadership and Cultural Programs – they offer many programs in diversity training and leadership programs.
    - Contact info: Erin Hood, 304 Norwood Hall, 341-7504, hoodel@mst.edu
  - Sept 21 – International Day of Peace. Campus is organizing an event for domestic and international students. Everyone will gather at the puck at 7:15 pm –
    - ACTION – Attend, support encourage your club members to participate.
    - Flags and traditional clothing are welcome
    - Seeking volunteers (students) to do the readings regarding victims of violence, chalk the walk for the parade path, create banners to use in the parade, making pinwheels of peace for participants to carry.
    - Tool Kit Events held on Tuesday and Thursdays – check the campus calendar for exact location; programs are held at the Havener Center at noon
      - Sept 24 - Conflict isn’t Always Fun, but it can be Productive! Attend this workshop and learn how to turn conflict into opportunity.
      - Oct 8 - Communication is the Key! Improve relationships with Effective communication skills
      - Oct 13 – Your Leadership Style Impacts your Effectiveness! Come discover more about yourself and how to work with individuals who are different from you.
  - Leadership and Cultural Programs office will hold monthly recognition events – Sept 15 kick off for Hispanic Heritage Month – there will be activities and events to recognize Hispanic community.
  - Erin is working with Student Life on Unity Day – Nov 6th. Wants lots of student participation
- Going Global – a web-based job search engine - campus has a subscription – do you want a presentation from a COC representative
  - Erin reported on status – campus has a three month open trial package. Important for students to log on the search engine and try it out. The COC will determine value to campus by numbers of students using the program.
  - Eddie Grover-Bisker is available to meet with student organizations to provide a presentation
- Ask, Listen, Refer – “Connect” campaign – inviting Dr. Patti Fleck to speak to the group?
- Other guest speakers for 2009 – Kathy Allison of Student Life? Who else?
Recommendation – invite Matt Faulkner & Jackie (?) student leads for SAFB to attend with Kathy Allison in discussing Student Funding process and procedures. (October meeting)

- Immigration reminders and updates
  - IA Advisors are completing the SEVIS registration event. Important reminders:
    - Rolla address must be current and correct
    - You must be enrolled full-time at the university.
  - Other reminders – as per the State Department, if you need to renew your visa go to your home country.
    - If you are in good status academically your visa can be expired – you would not be able to leave and return to the US without the renewed visa.

- Interpreter list for University Police Department
  - Distributed, updated by students at meeting
  - Action: Work with international students to find interpreters for languages not represented on the volunteer list.

- International Education Week – activities and events? Global Showcase? Special Lecture? Panel Discussions?
  - Discussion – need to determine activities for that week
  - ACTION – request volunteers to serve as representatives on an activity committee

- Post Orientation Workshops
  - Academic Ethics, time & location to be determined, would like at least two student volunteers to help plan this event.
  - Three part-program – 1) Faculty panel to be held in late September, early October. 2) Movie night at SWGCC “Flash of Genius” 3) Plagiarism workshop in International Education Week
  - Other workshops – Safety workshop and Financial Workshop being organized, date & location to be announced; Tax workshop in March – working with campus members to find out who will host it.

- Club Announcements
  - Baheirah Khusheim, Student Council Diversity Liaison, reminds students to use the cross-walks when crossing the streets! This is a reminder from the Student Council representative who works with the City of Rolla! Remind all members that the painted triangles are NOT the cross walk. It is critical that students use the crosswalk for their own safety. IF there is a problem with the cross walk, please send Baheirah an e-mail so that she can work with the City of Rolla.
  - International Student Club – Organizing a soccer tournament for the fall! Open for all interested students, Watch for announcements!

Upcoming Programs and Events:

- ASA Welcome Picnic, Sept 11, 2009
- President’s Summit, Sept 17, 2009
- Muslim Student Association & Islamic Center at Rolla Missouri are co-hosting the “Eid Alfitr, Sunday, Sept 20, 7:30- 9:30 am
- CSSA hosting Autumn Moon Festival picnic, Oct 3, 2009
- Diwali Festival-October 25, 2009
- Unity Day – Nov 6, 2009 (Malinda Love of Student Life is prime organizer)
- International Education Week, Nov 16-20, 2009
- New Student Orientation, Jan 4, 2010
- Spring Festival-February 14, 2010
- International Student Day-March 7, 2010
- Saudi Student Association – April 11, 2010
- African Gala – April 25, 2010