International Student Advising Committee (2017-18)
Committee Meeting

Date: October 19, 2017
Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: Telus 215 E

Attendees Briefing:

- Gavin Palmer (International Student Engagement Program Coordinator) was the main speaker
- Prabhav Sharma (Programs Assistant, UAI)
- 21 students from different cultural backgrounds attended the meeting
- 9 countries were presented by student committee members. The countries includes Iran, China, South Korea, Qatar, China, India, Ghana, Malaysia, Austria and Bolivia.

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1. Welcome and Introduction
   - Mentioned about other Student Advisory Committee on Campus:
     - Dean Of Students
     - SLAC (Student Library Advising Committee)
     - Campus Cup Recreation (CCR)
     - Student Connect
   - ISAC members were encouraged to join such communities and provide their international student perspective.

2. Purpose of ISAC
   - Create a space where International students provides an input in programs and services for international students.
   - It is a platform to present concern/feedback on campus resources, supports and systems. We are here to listen, answer questions, and address concerns.

3. Discussion Items
3.1 International Students and their accessibility to on-campus health services, Dillon Lee

- Background about speaker:
  - 2nd year pharmacy student at the University of Alberta
  - Immigrated to Canada 9 years ago from South Korea
  - Connecting pharmacy/ health care with unique population groups

- Purpose of study:
  - Understand the experiences of international students in navigating on-campus health resources
  - Help-seeking history and other patient experiences
  - Want to speak to international students, health care providers, and other relevant stakeholders
  - Focus on physical health

3.2 Discussion Panel, Dillon Lee

- Online survey/Interview:
  - All students of the committee took part in the online survey.
  - **Questions included:** Did they ever visit a doctor?, Did they visit the doctor in university, private clinic, walk in etc.? , Are they aware about university health services? , If they were ill and did not happen to see a doctor, whom did they contact and why? Etc.
  - **Discussions about the survey:** Committee members were curious about specific questions asked as a part of online survey?, Will the end results of survey be presented to the members?, How will the survey facilitate the university resources?, How is this research being done?, Is there someone else as well collaborating with the speaker to help out for this research?
  - The speaker wish to interview anyone with any stories related to international students and health services. The interview will last for 30 minutes during the reading break and gift cards will be provided to the interviewee.

4. Questions and comments from ISAC:

- Are you collaborating with someone for this research or is it just done by pharmacy department? Dillon Lee is collaborating with 2 professors (one from pharmacy and statistics). The statistics prof will help to provide the
results from the survey in the most presentable format and the pharmacy prof will draw conclusions and comments from the survey.

- Will the survey results be shared with us? The speaker will talk to her supervisors about the same.
- Speaker mentioned about different levels for health care in Canada.
- Additional Prescribed authority (APA) pharmacist will be able to prescribe drugs

5. Briefing about the next meeting by Gavin.

Next Meeting November 23, 2017, 5-7 PM, Telus 215 E

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