International Student Advising Committee (2017-18)

Date: September 21, 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 and represented ISS (International Student Services)  
- Prabhav Sharma (Programs Assistant, UAI) as an ISS staff  
- 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.

Minutes:

1. Welcome and introduction  
2. Purpose of ISAC:  
   - International Student Advisory Council (ISAC) is a student advisory-working group, convened by International Student Services (ISS), dedicated to sharing perspectives on programs and services.  
   - It allows students to present concerns and feedback on campus resources, supports and systems. It is also a platform for ISS and their campus partners to provide professional development, as well as awareness of services and resources, to a broad selection of international students, to be disseminated to their social circles.  
   - Members of this student advisory council are periodically called upon to represent the diverse perspective of the international student body by attending events and meetings, and provide crossover representation on various committees.

3. Discussion Items:  
   - Meet the ISS staff and ISAC 2017-18 team members  
   - Explain their roles and responsibilities as an ISAC member and the purpose for ISAC as a whole.
• To make the team understand and acknowledge about cultural differences across campus by stating the international student population across the campus and their respective backgrounds.
• Cultural artifacts across campus (through activities and discussions)
• Resources across campus for talks about inclusion disclosure, cultural specific events, inter-cultural engagement.
• Benefits and roles of Cultural Student groups

Prior to the meeting, the following documents were shared with the Committee members:
1. Attendance Sheet
2. PowerPoint Presentation and activities? (from future)
3. Agenda and de briefing about speaker