



Professional International Educator Roundtable – PIER

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 17, 2010
2:00 p.m.
University of San Diego

- I. **Welcome from University of San Diego (2:00 – 2:10)**
Yvette Fontaine – USD Director International Students & Scholars
Carl Jubran – USD Associate Provost for International Affairs
- II. **Traditional Introduction of PIER Members (2:10 – 2:15)**
- III. **PIER Business (2:15 – 2:30)**
 - a. Membership – 92 members
 - b. Treasurer Report - \$1,924.21
 - c. Meeting Updates – Possible San Ysidro POE tour in Summer or Fall
 - d. NAFSA Travel Grant – Deadline to apply 4/2/10. Grant amount: \$500.
Submit receipts after conference.
 - e. PIER Presentation Proposal form -
- IV. **Presentation – International Student Organizations: A Secret Weapon for Internationalization (2:30 -3:30)**
*Greg Grassi, MSW and Chia-Yen Lin both
Assistant Directors at the University of San Diego Office of International Students and Scholars
Greg and Chia-Yen will be joined by a panel of international students.*
Summary: International Student Organizations (ISOs) face unique challenges compared with other campus clubs and organizations. This case study will demonstrate how ISOs can integrate international students into the campus community, teach lessons about the culture of American academic institutions and contribute to campus internationalization efforts.

Presentation Notes:

- International Student Organization (ISO) Leadership at USD:

- i. Executive Board of 12 students
- ii. Meet 1x / wk
- iii. Members of ISO pay a small fee.
- iv. Members receive t-shirt, discounts, email listserv, facebook group

- Benefits of a formal connection between students and ISSO
- Discussed strategies to outreach to Int'l and Domestic students
- Internationalization = Strategic initiative
- Intentional integration of int'l students and domestic students
- ISO board includes domestic students (assists in recruiting more domestic students)
- Recommendations:
 - i. Hands-on and formal partnership between ISSO and ISO
 - ii. ISO must have active participation from domestic students to effectively market int'l student experience on campus
 - iii. Encourage ISO members to connect with study abroad returnees
 - iv. Invite campus VIPS to ISO events

V. **Q & A (3:30 – 3:45)**

VI. **Closing (3:45 – 4:00)**