UCR GSA Officer Report

International Student Affairs Officer

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1. International Affairs Open House
   a. Attended the official opening of International Affairs Office, October 4, 5pm, SURGE 3rd Floor
      i. Vice-Provost of International Affairs Dr. Kelechi Kalu has finally consolidated International Students Resource Center (formerly at University Village), International Scholars Office, and Education Abroad Programs into a single office.
         1. ISRC is now headed by Interim Director Kimberley Gentile.
         2. Spoke to Andrew Larratt-Smith of the Ombudsmen Office, who is interested in assisting in affairs of international student concerns.

2. International Education Committee Meeting
   a. Represented GSA at International Education Committee Meeting, October 24, 10am, University Office Bldg 220
      i. International Education Committee is reviewing by-laws
         1. Clarification of roles the Committee plays in international education programs
            a. GSA should consider our role re: international research and educational programs
            b. EAP (Education Abroad Programs) deals with sending UCR students abroad and receiving foreign exchange students. It has a limited number of international partners with which to
perform this function due to regulations re: approvals of credit transfers.

ii. Shanon Langlie presented update from International Affairs office.
   1. Week 3 Census: UCR has 1541 international students in total. Of these, 998 are graduate students.
   2. Admissions still continues to be in charge of international recruitment, and still remains unable to recruit effectively because it does not know how to judge foreign transcripts effectively.

iii. Committee is participating in system-wide review on presidential policy on international activities.
   1. Raises questions on how administrative affairs affect academic freedom;
   2. Issue: oversight being pulled upwards towards Academic Senate, which conflicts with ideals of shared governance.