
**GAPSA International Student Council Minutes
November 11, 2008**

The second International Council meeting was held on November 11, 2008 in the Graduate Student Center.

Here is a summary of the meeting:

- International Council members have been divided into Employment, Financial Aid and Cultural Integration subgroups.
- Each subgroup has selected a leader who will act as a contact person for the Vice Chair for International Affairs, Omar Khan.
- The Employment subgroup will be focusing on two areas initially. Firstly, Alumni Relations office and all graduate schools at Penn will be contacted for information about international alumni database. Secondly, a plan for a mentoring program between Alumni and current students will be formulated. The Alumni will be paired with students based on the industry background of the Alumni.
- Financial Aid group will explore the loan and grant options available to Penn students as well as students at other universities.
- Cultural Integration group will formulate plans for pairing incoming international graduate students with current international students. Also, the possibility of having a dedicated program for training international students in writing will be explored.

The overall timeline for completion of these targets is mid-April 2009.

The Vice Chair for International Affairs, Omar Khan requested that each subgroup meet up at least once before the next International Council meeting, to be held on the 25th of November. The Vice Chair for International Affairs will also be taking regular updates from the subgroup leaders.

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