

Senate Enrollment Committee Meeting, Friday, 3/24/2017, Oak Hall 236, 10-11:25am

Present:

Sebastian Wogenstein, Chair, Literature, Culture & Languages  
 Diana Rios, Communication  
 Michael Bradford, School of Fine Arts  
 Nathan Fuerst, Admissions Office  
 Eva Gorbants, School of Fine Arts  
 Mansour Ndiaye, CLAS  
 Wendi Richardson, Early College Experience  
 Brian Rockwood, Registrar's Office

Ex officio:

Yuhang Rong, Assistant Vice President for Global Affairs

- 1) February meeting minutes approved (motion by Brian Rockwood, seconded Eva Gorbants)
- 2) Invitation to Stamford Regional Director or representative for April meeting
- 3) Presentation by Yuhang Rong, Assistant Vice President for Global Affairs

International Student Enrollment at the University of Connecticut

<b>Population served by International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)</b>					
<b>Year</b>		<b>2005-2006</b>	<b>2010- 2011</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>Fall 2016</b>
<b>Program</b>	Graduate	1042	1072	1899	1972
	Undergraduate	163	257	947	1149
	Non Degree	158	290	256	154
	Visiting Scholars	84	161	220	234
	Optional Practical Trainees	270	218	630	733
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1717</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>3952</b>	<b>4242</b>
<b>UConn DSOs/AROs*</b>		14	15	12	13
<b>Ratio DSO/ARO: Student</b>		<b>1:123</b>	<b>1:133</b>	<b>1:329</b>	<b>1:326</b>

- ISSS extremely understaffed
- Every semester, ISSS/visa compliance officers assist the Federal government several times to ensure students are enrolled and active
- Recently hired full-time DSO (Designated School Official) international student advisor for Stamford Campus
- Plans to create an Intercultural Competence mid-level staff position in ISSS: role to reach out to students, work with campuses, help with mental health issues

The Visa Compliance Fee will only be charged to visa holders who are sponsored by UCONN. Fulbright scholars' visas are sponsored by the Fulbright Commission, not by UCONN. So no fees will be charged to them. Scholarship recipients vary. It depends on their scholarship source and whether UCONN sponsor their visas. This fee is waived for the Graduate Assistants, as per university contract negotiation with the UAW.

UConn's largest foreign student population: mainland China, India, Iran (primarily Engineering, Business School) – recommendation for students/faculty from Iran not to leave the country

International students anecdotally report feeling less safe; internationally, Canada has surpassed the U.S. as the most popular destination since the election