

2018-2019
UNIVERSITY SENATE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: _International Education Council

Number of Meetings Held this Year: 4

Committee Chair: Sharon An

Committee Members: (list here)

Sharon An (Chair)	Hajime Mitani	
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Purpose of/Charge to Committee:

“Improve the internationalization of Rowan University; plans and presents programs related to Education in all countries; recommends practices and policies that will enhance the internationalization at Rowan; and assists in the development and establishment of such practices and policies.

Summary of Activities this Year :

The International Education Council held four meetings this year, focused on promoting new services and exploring retention strategies for the international students at Rowan University. The council discussed some barriers to internationalization at Rowan and what kinds of strategies to be implemented to overcome those barriers. The council met with the director of the International Center Dr. Gokhan Alkanat and assistant director Ms. Ghina Mahmoud, and the assistant director of International Recruitment and Admissions Ms. Kesiane String. They were invited to attend the IEC meetings and made presentations on their efforts and activities for recruiting and providing services to the international students. The council members investigated the current status of the international students and were pleased by Dr. Alkanat's report that there has been about a 20% increase in the number of international

students at Rowan; about 50% undergraduate students and 50% graduate students. The International Center would like to have about 5% of all Rowan Students be international students, which would be about 1000 students. Currently, our percentage of students who are international students is still very low, compared to other comparable institutions.

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The IEC members also suggested that the scholarship for Study Aboard program, especially for low-income students should be considered and developed, if possible.

The IEC members also recommended that ESL program could