Student Life Subcommittee

Plans for 2011-12
Problem: Students need to learn about life at Penn before coming to the U.S.

Solution: Pre-Departure Events

- Contact UK and China alumni clubs
  - Learn how they have organized their pre-departure programs
  - Ask for advice on how to coordinate meetings in each country
- Contact Penn alumni clubs
  - Propose our plan
  - Provide them with student contact information
  - Follow up/Evaluation
- Create a plan on how to coordinate the pre-departure events.
  - Questions to consider:
    - Who will organize the pre-departure events? Alumni Clubs or current students?
    - How to get information of all accepted students from each country?
    - How to reach out to current students?
    - How to reach out to Alumni Clubs?
- Listservs
- Cultural groups
Problem: Students need guidance when they arrive to Penn

Solution: Expand Mentorship Program

Learn how from AIS
- Successful program for Undergraduates already exists
- Learn from the coordinators how it has worked in the past

Expand to graduate students
- Assign each graduate student an international mentor from his/her country or department
- Facilitate communication
- Follow up
Problem: Graduate Students do not learn about most student-organized events on campus

Solution: Improve OIP monthly newsletter

reach out to cultural and international groups on campus
- Ask them to inform us about upcoming events
- Offer to advertise their events through monthly newsletter
- Gather relevant event information

improve monthly newsletters
- Include a larger variety of student-organized events
- Improve format and organization of newsletters (divide by relevant categories)
- Improve presentation and efficiency of newsletters