

## STUDENT ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting #1: November 1, 2024

The Student Academic Enhancement Committee aims to enhance MGA's international presence.

Updates included upcoming study abroad activities and the establishment of a study abroad office. Future efforts discussed included the establishment of an ESL program for students from abroad.

The committee's Chair, Trino Prados, discussed an upcoming trip to a business university in Bogota, Colombia, to gather insights for potential international student exchange programs and recommendations for the committee. The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn and a reminder of a summary to follow after Trino's return.

## Outline

### Election of Secretary and Initial Agenda

- x Trino Prados calls the meeting to order and mentions the need to elect a secretary.
- x Trino Prados explains the ease of the secretary role due to auto note-taking software.
- x John Murphy volunteers to be the secretary.
- x John Murphy is nominated and approved as the secretary for the committee.
- x The minutes from last year's meeting are approved without any discussion.

- x Trino Prados discusses the plan to visit a university in Bogota, Colombia, to gather information and marketing materials.
- x The goal for the academic year is to come up with recommendations by spring, which will be presented to the executive committee for a vote.
- x Trino Prados mentions interviewing international students to gather their feedback and suggestions for the university.
- x The committee is asked to read and offer suggestions on the recommendations.

### International Student Exchange and Course Offerings

- x Winfield Tufts asks about the possibility of an international student exchange program.
- x John Murphy supports the idea and suggests developing course offerings that could benefit both international and native students.
- x Trino Prados mentions the potential for an ESL program at the university, inspired by a department at the Colombian university.
- x The importance of involving professors and administrators in the exchange program is emphasized.