

## **International Education and Services Committee 2005-2006**

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International Education and Services Committee works closely with the WOU Office of Study Abroad (Michelle Price) and the International Student and Scholar Affairs Office (Neng Yang).

### **Projects Supported:**

International Education Week: The US departments of State and Education established International Education Week. Events included Faculty, students and alumni speaking of their experiences abroad, and international film festival, an international education fair, literature, art and an international potluck.

Academic Guests: November 15, 2005: Motohiro Kozawa, Associate Professor of Art of Saitama University, Japan had his first art exhibit in the WUC Art Gallery. Kazuko Uda, Professor of Art, Saitama University has been in an international exchange with WOU for years.

February 21, 2006: Fulbright Scholar Dr. John Ayam from Nigeria gave a presentation "Islamic Fundamentalism in Northern Nigeria"

Since we streamlined our process for new consortium programs in order to make them available to WOU students more quickly (last year) there has been a steady increase in the Study Abroad Program:

2004-2005 = 73

2005-2006 = 83 and 52 applications for next year so far

Have a choice from 50 locations and 300 international internships.

2 WOU students awarded Fulbright Scholarships to teach English in Austria

### **Proposals Committee Approved 2005-2006**

Two new OUS exchange programs. One in Deakin Australia which offers 3 campuses, is less expensive, more variety and the curricula matches well with OUS and the Oregon system. The other is in Akita Japan. This is a small school that offers all classes in English, and Japanese is studied there as part of the program. These are offered through OUS and WOU can offer more study abroad opportunities without added expense to WOU.

**NCSA Scholarship** award of \$1000. This will be awarded based on need, a subcommittee approves the application form and reviews the applicants.

International Cultural Service Program Applications (ICSP) review for scholarship award has taken place this year with John Rector, David Doellinger, Doug Smith and Neng Yang serving on this sub-committee.

Neng Yang's proposal for the **2+2+0.5 degree program** with Chinese institutions. This will reduce the barriers for international enrollment at WOU. This proposal was met with enthusiasm and optimism and the committee endorsed these proposals with the following addendum: " Department Chairs, Division Chairs and Deans of any potential majors or programs that would be established under the 2+2+0.5 programs will be consulted in the planning stages to ensure that students will have the necessary prerequisite coursework, staffing will be adequate to enroll students in upper division coursework and other discipline specific considerations."

The Office of International Student and Scholar Affairs also proposed the **Cooperative Degree Program with the Chinese Ministry of Education**. Each department would need to identify faculty to develop curricula, instructional methods and supervision of the program progress and evaluation for this project.

### **International Students and Scholars Affairs.**

This year WOU has 78 international students.

To date 47 new applications for fall term have been received.

- 1) regular students—those who have the English skills to enroll in regular WOU classes;
- 2) ESL Bridge students—this is a credit program in which students earn 10 credits in English language instruction and take one regular course to make up a full load;
- 3) Non-credit ESL students—these students do not have sufficient language skills to enter the ESL Bridge Program

There are currently 5 visiting scholars from China on campus.

Two arrived at the beginning of spring term and will return to China at the end of spring term. Three additional scholars arrived mid-spring term and will be on campus for one year.

### **Future**

We are all positive with the coming changes at WOU in the International Students and Scholars Affairs. What can we and others at WOU do to welcome and care for international students and make sure that WOU is prepared to support these students both socially and academically?

Are WOU departments aware of this new program? Who is the contact person in each department that is aware of and involved in implementing these programs? (even if WOU hires adjunct faculty to teach abroad they must still follow the curriculum each department has designed).

What is set up so far and what needs to still be done? Again, we all want to assure success and we are all aware of the ramifications if this endeavor fails. Ramifications for the students and for the reputation of WOU.

Should all study abroad courses carry a **D, diversity designation**? Consensus from the International Ed and Services Committee is a "yes"; now how can this be implemented University wide?