International Education /International WTE Committee  
September 26, 2008, International House  

In attendance: Norma Juma, Brian Ogawa, Miguel Gonzalez-Abellas, Cecil Schmidt, Janice Dunwell, Ron Griffin, Rachel Goossen, Nancy Tate, Judy McConnell-Farmer, and Baili Zhang

1. Members introduced themselves.

2. Zhang made the following report: This fall 143 international students from 43 countries enrolled at WU with 33 from China. Nearly 200 students studied abroad last year, which was about 2/3 of total participants in all four WTE areas. On the faculty side, WU welcomed 6 new international faculty to campus. Around 30 faculty engaged in international travel for scholarly purposes. Law School’s Alex Glashausser is visiting professor at Waseda University in Tokyo. IP’s own Heidi Staerkel is about to travel to India on a recruiting fair. 4 new members were inducted into Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars. Two programs are under development with a recruiting agency in India involving the School of Nursing School of Business.

3. Schmidt related to the potential of the Indian market and shared that Northwest Missouri State’s MIS program attracted a large number of Indian students. Griffin informed the committee of the big international conference the Law School sponsors November 13-14, “the Rule of Law and the Global War on Terrorism”.

4. Brian Thomas’ application for funding ($1,100) was conditionally approved pending a detailed budget, itinerary, and further clarification of the project’s impact on campus/classroom internationalization.

5. “The Sport Traditions and Cultural History of Europe” WTE program proposal was discussed. While the committee was very complementary of the project concept and its potential value, the common sentiment was that the academic rigor and requirement and the on-the-ground cultural interaction element needed to be fleshed out further. Committee decided to table the proposal for amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

Baili Zhang