International Education Committee  
Feb. 9, 2006, International House

In attendance: Azyz Sharafy, Alex Glashausser, Teresita Leyell, Mary Sheldon, Brian Ogawa, Shirley Dinkel, Vic Landrum, Marie-Luce Parker, and Baili Zhang.  
Guest: Tina Williams

1. Minutes were approved with the following corrections:

Marie-Luce Parker was erroneously listed as an absentee; she was not on the committee at the time. School of Nursing sent two students to N. Ireland and one to Finland.

2. Chair’s and members’ report

Zhang reported that 1) WU just successfully hosted 65 AFS high school students from all over the state Jan. 26-29, 2) Brown Bag lectures have been set; Kuno from the Dalai Lama’s Office is among the presenters, and 3) 26th annual group from Japan’s Fukuoka University will be here Fe. 20 - March16. Dinkel reported that 10-11 members from the Nursing School faculty are expected to present at an international conference in Finland, April 2007. Sharafy reported that the art department program to Paris sponsored by Professor Reinhiild Jansen is moving along Ogawa reported that he was approached to chair the Human Services Department next year. Williams briefly reported to the committee that all the study abroad programs are moving forward.

3. Applications for funding to travel abroad were presented and discussed. It was noted that a separate category of funding (therefore more money) may need to be created for those who lead groups abroad. In so doing, faculty travel for scholarly activities (presenting papers, conducting research) can be guaranteed. Zhang noted he would approach VPAA to initiate a discussion on the topic. The Committee also discussed the need to publicly advertise overseas program faculty leader positions. Meanwhile, faculty travel requests were considered and the following actions were taken:

Applications Fully Approved: Norma Juma: $1,200 to Australia ; Bobbie Anderson: $1,200 to Japan;

Applications Conditionally Approved: Geral Bayens: $1,200 to Scotland (pending more information on the budget); Maria Raicheva-Stover: $1,165 to Bulgaria (pending more information on the local support and itinerary);

Applications Tabled: Jay Memmott (late submission), Bruce Young (late submission), Bassima Schbley (incomplete), Michael Mosier (incomplete);

Application Not Funded: Eugene Williams

Respectfully submitted,

Baili Zhang