International Education Committee  
Nov. 16, 2006, International House

In attendance: Azyz Sharafy, Alex Glashausser, Dmitri Nizovtsev, Mary Sheldon, Brian Ogawa, Nora Clark for Shirley Dinkel, Vic Landrum, Kent Stone, Joanne Altman as guest, and Baili Zhang.

1. Minutes of October 12 ‘06 meeting were approved.

2. Zhang reported that 1), University received $1 million gift from Ms. Geneva Seybold to benefit students studying abroad; 2) International Education Week activities were going well; 3) Professor Cao of Boston University made a successful visit to campus. Sharafy reported on the progress of establishing a relationship with a university in India. Zhang reported that an effort is under way to develop study abroad programs in Russia and India. Clark reported that Patricia Joyce returned home from Russia safely and that Shirley Dinkel is attending a conference in Sydney.

3. Old business: Ali Khan’s supplemental materials for his application was accepted. Funding of $1,200 was officially approved.

4. The following funding requests were approved:
   Ann Marie Snook: up to $1,200 to go to the Czech Republic
   Norman Gamboa: up to $1,200 to go to the Czech Republic
   Rick Ellis: $832 to go to Nicaragua

5. Three WTE study abroad programs were reviewed and discussed.
   McConnell-Farmer’s program in Jamaica was approved.
   After a Q and A session between the committee and Joanne Altman, the program developer, the Rwanda program received approval on condition that she elaborates on its content and activities.
   Freeman’s Ghana proposal was considered substantially improved over the previous version. However, it was tabled for further development. Members expressed concern in the following areas / issues:
   1) lack of confirmation from the OSU Children’s Home as to what the activities and services will be and how the students will be supervised,
   2) lack of information on what kind of health precautions will be taken to ensure student safety when they come in contact with children with HIV / AIDS, and
   3) too many foci, and the program looking more and more like a social work / human services / community nursing program.
   It was suggested that David Freeman be invited to attend the meeting for a Q and A session.

Respectfully submitted,

Baili Zhang