

International Education Committee
April 5, 2007, International House

In attendance: Azyz Sharafy, Dmitri Nizovtsev, Kent Stone, Brian Ogawa, Betsy Campbell for Shirley Dinkel, Matt Arterburn for Vic Landrum, Alex Glashausser, and Baili Zhang.

1. Minutes of March 8 '07 meeting were approved as corrected.
2. Zhang reported that Mr. George Asiamah, deputy commissioner of the Ghana Police Service, visited Washburn for a week, which was coordinated by the CJ department; that a delegation from University of Blaise Pascal (France) will visit April 23-24; and that a Rotary International GSE team from Mumbai, India, will also be on campus April 30. Nizovtsev reported continuing effort to work out an exchange relationship with a school in Estonia. Sharafy reported progress made to establish a relationship with a school in India.
3. Faculty international travel requests were reviewed. Ding's proposal to present in Thailand was recommended for funding (\$1,200); Sharafy's proposal to present in India was approved for funding (\$1,200). Freeman's proposal was tabled for resubmission. Navone's proposal was tabled for more information. Gordon and Angela Crews' respective proposals were not recommended for funding.
4. Zhang introduced guests: Tina Williams, Study Abroad Coordinator, Bob Beatty, member of the scholarship subcommittee, Alan Bearman, faculty leader of the "Road to Reformation" program, Jessica Rezac, student representative of the program, and a female student, who identified herself as a reporter of the Washburn Review. Zhang gave a brief background of the WTE scholarship debate involving scholarship awards of unequal amounts to the "Road to Reformation" group. Zhang summarized the arguments on whether it is fair to use merit (in this case, GPA) to differentiate awards in a WTE program. Beatty, Bearman, and Rezac were given equal time to present contrasting views. Committee members were each given two minutes to ask questions and to present opinions. For shortage of time, members were dismissed but were asked to deliberate and vote on line. On April 10, the committee voted 6-1 in favor of the following proposal:

To keep the "WTE Scholarship Information Guidelines" (a.k.a. Appendix G in the WTE Handbook) as is, and to use the current base-plus-bonus (bonus portion based on merit) as the basic model to award scholarships to study abroad participants.

(Note: An eighth member of the committee, who was not present at the meeting but received all email communications, voted in favor of the proposal, April 11. This vote counted, the final tally would be 7-1 in favor of the proposal as stated above.)

Respectfully submitted,

Baili Zhang