

International Education Committee
September 6, 2007, International House

In attendance: Azyz Sharafy, Dmitri Nizovtsev, Brian Ogawa, Shirley Dinkel, Matt Arterburn, Mary Sheldon, Alex Glashausser, and Baili Zhang. Guests: Robin Bowen Joanne Altman, and Susan Engelhardt.

1. Minutes of May 3 '07 meeting were approved as corrected.
2. Zhang introduced the new VPAA Robin Bowen, Joanne Altman, and Susan Engelhardt. Members introduced themselves to guests. Zhang informed the committee that Kent Stone resigned from the university to become the associate pastor of a local church. Miguel Gonzalez, absent due to chair's meeting, will represent the ML Dept.
3. Zhang reported that the new newsletter and Brown Bag fall program have been published. He also reported that Olga Mashtakova, a Fulbright scholar from Russia, will be visiting Washburn for the academic year. Dinkel reported that the Nursing School has been very active in international development with various educational and cooperative programs in China, Finland, Russia, and Northern Ireland, among others.
4. Zhang re-introduced Joanne Altman, reminded the committee of her email expressing concern over the WTE scholarships award formula, i.e. base plus merit. Zhang reminded the committee by summarizing the debate on the very same issue last semester. Altman presented her view on the issue and argued for a formula of equal amount for all participating in the same program since WTE is a requirement for all. Members asked questions and presented their views. It was determined that no change is necessary at this point regarding the current funding guidelines (aka Appendix G). Several members, however, recommended better communication between IP and faculty leaders and between faculty leaders and students, and inviting staff from Financial Aid and Business Office to attend faculty workshops. It was moved to close the discussion on the matter. Zhang noted that the faculty senate will need information on this issue and encouraged members to attend the Sept. 10 meeting at 4 in Kansas Room. Sheldon, Dinkel, and Sharafy will be present. Sharafy also volunteered to be the committee's rep. on the scholarship committee.
5. Robert Weigand was recommended to receive \$1,100 to present in London pending additional information on the airfare, which appeared too high to some members.
6. The document of International WTE Tiered Funding System was circulated and discussed briefly. Several members expressed several concerns over the proposal, one of which was the non-WTE programs abroad would be totally unsupported if the non-WTE money was phased out. Zhang noted he would communicate with the VPAA in an effort to preserve the non-WTE funding for the foreseeable future and revise the documents for future discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

Baili Zhang