Minutes--Third Fall Work Group meeting October 16, 2008--HSS 301


Welcome to Denise Kinsella, the new Associate Dean of International Education.

Updates:
- As a pilot project, the new study abroad approval form will be given to faculty proposing to lead summer programs.
- Tricia reported that the Small Business Leaders Tour of China went well—especially considering that it was a pilot project on short notice. Since the number attending was small—about a dozen—the group was able to adjust its schedule to take advantage of particular interests. Future excursions are planned.

Facilities
The group favored the idea of a new food court offering a place for international and American students to gather, preferably drawn by good international food or food locally and organically grown. DPAC’s facility committee takes up this issue. Teresa Garcia volunteered to serve on it.

Study Abroad
A flyer is being prepared to publicize the upcoming winter and spring programs.

Financial support continues to be a concern for students considering study abroad programs. David Chun, AS President, stated that he thought AS directors would be interested in offering scholarships, so that students could participate.

The group discussed how many scholarships to request. Although it might be politic to request a small number, Gordon proposed requesting 50, covering approximately 50% of the program cost—which would mean asking student government for approximately $100,000. Nati and Teresa stated that it would be important to consult with student leaders and Dean Deyna Hearn to gauge reactions to such a large request. Gordon said he would work with Frank Dawson, leader of the program to South Africa, in working with student leaders and submitting a request.