

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

October 22, 2008

Dicke 115

2:00 P.M.

Members: Andrea Richardson, Amber Carpenter, Mary Drzycimski-Finn, Roger Goldberg, Sami Khorbotly, Tarek Mahfouz, Susan Schertzer for Kazuhiza Matsuda, Clyde Pickett, Anne Lippert, Jean-Marie Kamatali for Howard Fenton, Deanna Shine, Kanishka Sen, Suzanne Morrison, Kendra Hearn, Philip Federowicz. (Margery Pitts and Suzanne Morrison did not receive notice of the meeting by e-mail).

The meeting opened at 2:00 P.M. by Anne Lippert. Roger Goldberg reported international student attendance at ONU. He noted that 85/86 F1 and J1 students are enrolled. Eleven of these students are visiting exchange students from Arnheim, Helsinki, Joensuu, Wales and Hanyang. Forty students are continuing international students. The remainder are new students and one student who began classes this summer. A good geographical spread of home countries was also reported: Japan, Canada, China, Saudi Arabia, and seven other countries. International students are represented in all five colleges.

Roger Goldberg was asked about the balance of students. He noted that in general a good balance overall is maintained although in a given year more students may come in to ONU than leave.

He also noted that Australearn is now Global Links and has Asialearn and Eurolearn components.

Deanna Shine reported she will be visiting Japan, Korea and Taiwan to recruit students. She briefly noted the need to establish a new agreement with Kasukabe because of a change in personnel there. She noted her office is continuing the search for the second person in that office. The position will need to have some recruiting capability because of her absences recruiting students. She noted the promotion on the Hanyang summer study program will go out December 1. (Deans' offices have provided financial assistance. In return, students are required to provide presentations on campus.) Her office has formed an International Student Advisory Committee with students from different years/colleges. She discussed at length the need for student activities/contacts during break periods. Mentoring friendships have been established between international students and ONU faculty/staff families.

Clyde Painter noted WSO is in need of an advisor. He'll send out a notice to the faculty list. The group does have a staff advisor. The Indian Student Association will celebrate Diwali on October 25 with these activities:

Lakeview Community Room A: Puja Ceremony, 9:30 A.M.

Wishing Well, McIntosh: Dinner, 6:00 P.M.

Fountain, Freed Center: Deevo Ceremony, after dinner

MSA will host its annual Eid-ul Fitr dinner on Sunday, October 26 in McIntosh Activities Room at 6:00 P.M.

It was noted that notices should go out to international students about the Shuhaibar scholarship and the process for application. The plan is to notify students very early in winter term with the timetable for the process.

A question was raised about home country imposed quotas of groups of students from that country studying at the same University.

The meeting closed at 2:45 P.M.