

CVIP BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, March 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President, David Horner. Refreshments were provided by the Speakers Bureau Program.

Attendance: David Horner, Dottie Schmidt, Stacey Bieler, Ann McCall, Carol Bryson, Bonnie Bankson, Erika Nwankwo Larson, Midge Morrow, Mary Barrett, Pat Barrett, Iris Horner, Lisa Homeniuk, Isaac Kalumbu, Carol Towl, Jo Pamment and Fred Fritz.

Announcements:

Isaac has a poster advertising his new CD which is on sale for \$16.

Nicole needs new pictures to redo the CVIP folding display board.

Greg Mortensen, author of *Three Cups of Tea*, will speak about his new book, *Stones into Schools*, at Grand Valley State University on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 from 7-9 in the Field House of the Allendale Campus.

The CVIP Executive Committee approved a \$100 contribution to the family of Yu Na, the Chinese Visiting Scholar who died recently in the MSU swimming pool.

Secretary's Report: Dottie Schmidt

The secretary's report was approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report, February 2010: Ann McCall

Savings Account (Shares)

02-01 Balance	1373.74
02-05 Transfer to Checking Account	<u>-250.00</u>
	1123.74
02-28 Interest	<u> .22</u>
Ending Balance 02-28	1123.96

Percentage yield is .25% from February 1 through February 28, 2010

Checking Account

02-01 Balance	891.85
02-05 Transfer from Savings (Share) Account	<u>250.00</u>
02-28 Ending Balance	1141.85

In the January report, a \$20.00 payment was reported as a fee to the credit union for having too low a balance, which was not correct. The \$20.00 was paid to the State of Michigan as a yearly fee to maintain our non-profit status with them.

Administrative Services Report:

Membership: Pat Barrett

Office: Pat Barrett and William Eubank

David Horner and William Eubank cleaned up our CVIP polo shirt supply and we found 6 more small and 2 x-large shirts. If anyone needs a shirt, please let David know the size you'd like and he'll reserve it for you and/or bring it to the Board Meeting.

Public Relations: Stacey Bieler and Pat Barrett

Leadership: Fred Fritz

The Nominations section of the Leadership Committee will meet immediately after the March CVIP Board Meeting.

Visioning Committee: Arlene Brophy

The next CVIP Visioning Committee meeting will be on Monday, March 31, 2010 at 8am at University Lutheran Church.

The Marketing Ad Hoc Group led by Tamiko Rothhorn met to discuss the logo and the need for a slogan—perhaps something like Culture-Connectedness-Community. We need to focus on who do we want to attract?

Report from ISP Dean's Office: Peter Briggs

1. Events from around the world hit close to home.
 - a. MSU's Institute of International Health is fundraising to send a team of 10 doctors to Haiti in May. A number of student groups have hosted fundraising efforts to help.

b. There are 10 Chileans at MSU and we are pleased to report that we've not heard that anyone's immediate family was harmed by the recent earthquake there..

2. A number of offices on campus provide training for how people from different cultural groups can understand each other and communicate better. There has been a divide between the kind of intercultural communication training that OISS and international educators provide as contrasted with multicultural training that often deals more with social justice. Kathryn Sorrells, a professor at CSU Northridge, visited campus in February and her message was that there is plenty of room to converge these points of view. This conversation will be ongoing.

3. With encouragement from the Provost, the ISP Dean's Office is moving toward a more supportive role in campus research. How can ISP pull together teams from across campus to address the world's most critical problems like hunger, climate change and security. These are very big ideas and ISP has a global perspective to bring to the wider campus. The way that OISS will be involved will be to do more student surveys and needs assessments. This is important to keep track of at a time of greatly rising undergraduate enrollments.

4. Yu Na, a visiting scholar in the College of Education, died four days after suffering a heart attack while swimming in one of the campus pools. She was 26. The U.S. Embassy in Beijing denied the family members visas to come to pay their respects.

OISS Report: Nicole Namy/Peter Briggs

See above report.

Haslett A+ ESL Report: Jo Pamment

Our current semester ends on May 20th. We won't know until the legislature votes on the Adult Education budget what our program will look like next year, but we should still be around in some form.

Home visits have been scheduled for March 31st.

VETP Report: Dottie Schmidt No report.

VIPP Report: William Eubank No report

Church Women United: Marion Chapman No report

Executive Committee: David Horner

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The educational component of the March CVIP Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 17th at 10:00 am with Ravi Ammigan, the Assistant Director of OISS for Programming. Ravi will discuss the findings of the international student needs assessment survey taken during fall semester 2009. That meeting will convene in the conference room, just off the kitchen, of ULC.

Action Items:

Heart of Spartan Challenge - May 2nd.

Planning for May Annual Lunch – Location, planning, speaker, invitees, etc.

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program – Five Iraqi university faculty will be visiting MSU from May – September 2010.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Global Festival: Peggy Arbanas No report.

Lending Center: Erika Nwankwo Larson

I received an email from Jennifer Neu about having a collection for the Lending Center again this year when the students move out of their dorms.

Scholarship: Lillian Kumata No report.

Every Tuesday: Christine Van Nada

ET has continued to have a solid attendance of about 14 -19 international ladies, 5 - 10 small children, and 6 - 9 American volunteers each week. We are fortunate to have an MSU student from the Service Learning Center coming the last few weeks to help with the children.

At the end-of-semester potluck in December, we incorporated the planning for this semester into the social hour, so that all ET participants had a chance to say what activities they would like to learn from, help with, or even lead. As a result, we are enjoying a high degree of participation in and enthusiasm for our weekly activities. Highlights of the semester have included a demonstration of Bollywood-style dance by three Indian ladies (who had been practicing for two hours a day for six weeks!); a presentation on Japanese Girl's Day followed by the making of traditional Emperor and Empress paper doll figures, led by two of our Japanese friends; and a day of cooking and eating common (but very complicated!) foods of India. Everyone got their hands in the dough to make chapati! The more American activities (Valentine cards, fleece hats, etc) have also been enthusiastically received, and again I attribute this to the fact that all the activities were specifically requested by the participants themselves.

Speakers Bureau: Carol Bryson and Carol Towl co-chairs, Mitsuko Marx and Kathy Bossen members

Historically, Speakers Bureau receives the majority of its requests, especially the ones from public schools, between February and the end of MSU's spring semester. This year is no exception!

Feb. 17 – Demaris Mayienga from Kenya, candidate for Ph.D. in education and wife of Jonathan Choti, spoke for the International Interest Group of the MSU Community Club. Speakers Bureau did the recruiting, but by coincidence, Demaris was also the recipient of one of the CVIP scholarships provided through funds from the International Store at the Global Festival!

Feb 18 – Mamy Rakotondravelo gave a presentation at Meridian Senior Center about his home country, Madagascar.

Feb. 19 – Indah Pangestuti and two Indonesian friends gave a presentation and performed traditional Indonesian dance at Three Fires Middle School In Howell.

Feb. 23 - Eight Students from China, Thailand, Indonesia, Ethiopia and Guatemala staffed “culture tables” for Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan World Thinking Day. Indah Pangestuti also performed traditional Indonesian dance in costume.

Feb. 24 - Alicia Trotman made a presentation to students at Eaton County Day Treatment Program about her home country, Trinidad and Tobago.

Feb. 25- Isabel Laczkovich gave a presentation about Germany, and Eric Bailey spoke about tailoring presentations to enrich the curriculum in public school classrooms at the SPEAK OUT event. These events have had small attendance, and we won't be scheduling another one until April.

March 11 (During MSU's Spring Break) – Four students from Viet Nam, Indonesia, Ethiopia and Nigeria are travelling to Lowell High School for Tenth Grade Diversity Day. It became possible to accept this assignment when the planners arranged to hire a bus to pick up the participants at 6 a.m. at MSU for the 59-mile trip.

March 17 - Isabel Laczkovich from Germany will speak to the International Interest Group of the MSU Community Club, focusing on the European Union and how it is affecting Germany.

We also have requests from Pottersville Elementary School for their Reading Around the World Week; from Holt High School for their Language Week; from North Aurelius Elementary School in Mason for Around the World Day; and from Haslett High School for their One World Day.

We are exploring how we might work together with LATTICE and with the Asian Studies Center to efficiently connect international students with American teachers, students and other community members. Both of these groups are in direct contact with teachers in the greater East Lansing area. Currently, a typical scenario has teachers

contacting Speakers Bureau to furnish European, African and Latin American speakers AFTER first filling all the slots for Asian speakers through LATTICE or the Asian Studies Center. Unfortunately, our data base also has an Asian majority.

Home Visits: Lisa Homeniuk

Home Visits will be Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Friendship Family: Iris Horner

On February 21, 2010, we matched 29 international students with “families”. Thanks to Bonnie Bankson and Midge Morrow’s help, things went very well. I will miss the interaction with the families and playing a part in the new friendships formed. However, the discussions that have started in review of this program have been excellent.

David and I met with Nicole Namy and Peter Briggs on March 1 to talk about how the office can support the continuation of the Friendship Family program. We shared the ideas generated at the end of our February Board meeting such as matching for only a semester or a day, doing home visits, or a tour of the town. Topics also included: changing the name of this committee, possibly establishing criteria for the application process (such as being here less than a year) and taking only the first X number of students who apply, or giving them one choice of different community connections, or matching with peers by possibly partnering with Carlos Fuentes in making student to student connections.

It was agreed that OISS would have an intern research some of the ways other universities handle this type of student/community interaction. I’ve asked a few of our friendship families what they think. Some really like the long term friendship and others feel a short time would be an easier commitment. One family suggested the name be changed to Community or Friendship Links. Perhaps this should be another questionnaire.

This program will need to be put on HOLD until changes are made and new volunteers can be found to carry them out. Bonnie and Midge have agreed to continue to help with their part of keeping the database and talking with the students.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- CVIP Educational Program - Wednesday, March 17, 10am Ravi Ammigan will present the results of the international student survey taken in fall 2009.
- ISP Awards Ceremony – Wednesday, March 24, 2010 3:30-5pm Spartan Stadium Club
- Home Visits – Wednesday, March 31, 2010 9-11:15am
- CVIP Visioning Committee Meeting - Wednesday, March 31, 2010 8am ULC
- CVIP Board Meeting – April 14, 2010 Refreshments by OISS 9-9:30am; Business meeting 9:30am...University Lutheran Church