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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

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OVERVIEW

The Office of International Students and Scholars presents this report to the university on the progresses that have been made through the academic year of 2007-2008 in the areas of International Recruitment, Admissions, Registration, Immigration Advising, Student Services, and Retention Activities as well as the non-credit Intensive English Program (IEP), the Visiting Scholars Program, the International Short-Term Training Program.

RECRUITMENT

During the 2007-2008 academic year, the director of International Office made 4 trips to China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam. Another office staff made a trip to visit seven community colleges in the Seattle area to recruit international students. There were 174 international students recruited by the International Office at WOU for 2007-2008 compared to 178 students for 2006-2007.

APPLICATOINS AND ADMISSIONS

The following tasks were carried out by the International Office during 2007-2008 academic year:

- Received and processed 463 applications compared to 454 applications for 2006-2007.
- Admitted 182 students to undergraduate/graduate/IEP programs.
- Denied 27 applicants for admissions.
- Send out more than 200 additional supporting letters and faxes to the US Embassies and Consulates on the students' behalf.
- Made approximately 125 airport pick ups and other transportations for international students.
- Answered thousands of phone calls and emails from applicants and agencies, and mailed out thousands of promotional and application materials.

ENROLLMENT

There were 226 international students registered as regular degree program students in Spring 2008 compared to 126 students enrolled in Spring 2007, an increase of 79%. With 54 students registered as Intensive English Program students, a total of 280 students registered at WOU in Spring 2008 compare to 190 in Spring 2007, an increase of 47%.

INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM

- The total IEP enrollment for 2007-2008 was 180 students compared to 170 IEP students for 2006-2007, an increase of 6%.
- Approximately 50 IEP students passed the IEP requirements and moved on to the degree program study.

STUDENT DISTRIBUTIONS

There were 167 from China, 2 from Germany, 3 from Ghana, 1 from India, 1 from Indonesia, 17 from Japan, 2 from Kenya, 1 from Korea, 1 from Norway, 81 from Saudi Arabia, 2 from Taiwan, and 2 from United Arab Emirates. A total of 280 students enrolled in Spring term 2008.

ADVISING AND SERVICES

The following responsibilities were performed by the International Office during 2007-2008 academic year:

- 500 appointment visits (does not include walk in students).
- 35 articulations for transfer students were articulated and completed.
- 6 emergency health assistances.
- 200 I-20/DS-2019 visa forms were issued, double checked, 10 mistakes were found before they were sent out to the admitted students (Transfer students do not get the I-20/DS-2019 forms until they arrive).
- Teaching the orientation class with information about campus resources, immigration and U.S. laws.
- Supervises the ICSP program.

ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES

The Office of International Students and Scholars Organized approximately 20 activities/trips for international students during the 2007-2008 academic year some of which include:

- Hosted a New Student Orientation for summer international students.
- Administered an Institutional TOEFL test for current intensive English Program international students at WOU campus.
- Organized a trip for Intensive English Program students to a fantasy play at the Pentacle Theater.
- Hosted an International Student BBQ event at Gentle Woods Park, for club recruitment and graduating international students.
- Administered an official IELTS test for current intensive English Program international students at WOU campus.
- Work with International Club, Chinese Student Association to co-sponsor the annual International Night Event.
- Co-sponsored (with Student Leadership & Activities Office) a trip to the Oregon Zoo for 72 students.
- Organized a trip for Intensive English Program students to the Pentacle Theater to watch a play.
- Hosted a tax information & preparation for International students at Hamersly Library computer lab.

- Sponsored a campus presentation from the Oregon Society of CPAs to international students.
- Hosted an "Open House" event for WOU faculty, staff, and international students.
- Work with the Chinese Student Association to co-organize the 2008 Chinese New Year's celebration party in the Werner Student Center. Education Consul Yao Faming of Chinese Consulate General in San Francisco attended the event.
- Work with Faculty International Committee and Study Abroad Office to co-organize the International Education Week. Events sponsored are World Expo, Sushi Demonstration, Ping Pong Tournament, International Potluck.
- Organized a trip for Intensive English Program students to Champoege National Park for a living history event.
- Hosted "International Coffee Hour" events for WOU students, faculty and staff.
- sponsored a field trip for international students to Junction City, Oregon to visit a Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch.
- Hosted an over-night retreat event at Canyon View Camp, Silverton, Oregon.
- Sponsored a BBQ/potluck party for international students at the Main Street Park in Monmouth.
- Organized a field trip for summer ESL program international students to Newport Aquarium and the beach in Lincoln City, Oregon.

RETENTION

The retention rate for international students at WOU was approximately (95%) for 2007-2008.

AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

4 new 2+2 agreements have been signed during 2007-2008.

FACULTY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ISS in working with the Music Department sponsored WOU's Student Chamber choir of 31 students and 2 faculty and administrator to China for a multi-city performance tour in December 2007. ISS also sponsored two art faculty to go to China and Japan in June 2008.

VISITING SCHOLARS AND INSTITUTIONAL EXCHANGES

- WOU received 12 visiting scholars from China and 1 visiting scholar from Korea during the academic year of 2007-2008.
- President Hua Li and two staff from China East Liaoning University visited WOU.
- President Jiayou Yu, Dalian Polytech University of China, visited WOU.
- A delegation led by the Deputy Secretary of Education of Fujian Province Mr. Zheng Zuxian, President Huang Hongwu of Xiamen University of Technology, President Jiang Xinhua of Fujian University of Technology, and Vice President

- Fang Zhenzheng of Fuzhou University visited WOU and met with President John Minahan.
- Chancellor Ronald Sexton and Provost George White of Montana State University Billings visited WOU.
 - Education Consul Faming Yao of Chinese Consulate General in San Francisco attended the 2008 Chinese New Year's celebration event at WOU

SHORT TERM TRAINING PROGRAMS

- A delegation of 8 students (youth journalists) and 4 teachers from Qianshan Evening News, China.
- A finance training delegation of 23 bankers from Shanxi China.
- A summer culture and language program for 15 high school students and 2 teachers from China.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCES

- 11 undergraduate international students and 12 graduate international students participated in the 2008 Spring graduation ceremony.
- 226 international students were enrolled full time in the degree programs in spring term. Of them, 140 earned a GPA between 2.0-3.6, 50 students earned a GPA between 3.7-3.9, 23 students had a 4.0 GPA, and only 14 students had a GPA below a 2.0.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITIONS

The International Office at WOU continues to receive emails and inquiries from institutions in Oregon and other states asking for advice on recruiting international students and managing international programs. Further, the international program at WOU has received a very positive review in several newspapers in Oregon.

REVENUE

- Funds generated from the three short-term programs were \$11,000.
- Funds generated from the Intensive English Program were approximately \$600,000 compared to \$430,000 for 2007-2008, an increase of 40 %).
- Funds generated from the tuition of regular degree program international students were approximately \$2,700,000 compared to \$1,280,000 for 2006-2007, an increase of 110%.

Total gross revenue was approximately \$3,300,000 for the 2007-2008 academic year compare to \$1,700,000 for the 2006-2007, an increase of 94%.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The International staff attended the Region One NAFSA conference in October 2007 and the National NAFSA Conference in May 2008 for immigration law and SEVIS regulation updates.