UNCG’s Delegation to China

In an effort to increase the educational collaboration with China, one of the world’s most rapidly developing economies, Chancellor Patricia A. Sullivan led a UNCG delegation to visit some of China’s top universities. China has become increasingly prominent in its relationships with traditional North Carolina industries, including furniture and textiles. Members of the delegation visited offices and universities in Beijing, Xi’an, Wuhan and Shanghai. The main objectives were to develop cooperative agreements with several Chinese universities to promote joint research and teaching activities, and to explore faculty and student exchanges. The various members of the delegation participated in meetings with the following entities: National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language (Han Ban, Beijing); Lenovo (Beijing); Peking University; Beijing Normal University; Xi’an JiaoTong University; The International Exchanging Center for Cadres Training of Shaanxi (IECCTS); Xi’an International Studies University; Xi’an Peihua University; Wuhan University; Central China Normal University (Wuhan); Shanghai Normal University; Fudan University (Shanghai); Shanghai University; Shanghai Shenwei Management Consulting Co. Ltd.

Chancellor Sullivan reflected, “Our trip was a fascinating exposure to the dynamic transformation that is occurring in China. We found committed administrators, highly engaged students and faculty interested in cooperation with American universities. I was impressed with the extent of construction going on with building cranes everywhere you looked. The numbers of people, especially students, are staggering. It is clear that in order to build successful exchanges of all types we must establish credible personal relationships with the academic leaders at the respective universities. We have begun this process with a very warm reception everywhere we went.”

The UNCG participants to China were: Patricia A. Sullivan, Chancellor; A. Edward Uprichard, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Rosemary Wander, Associate Provost for Research and Public/Private Sector Partnerships; Lyn Lawrance, Associate Provost for International Programs; James Weeks, Dean of the Bryan School of Business and Economics; Laura Sims, Dean of the School of Human Environmental Sciences; Robert Brown, Dean of the Division of Continual Learning (DCL); Robert Mayo, Associate Dean of the School of Health and Human Performance; Dennis Leyden, Director of the Lloyd International Honors College; Paige Hall Smith, Director of the Center for Women’s Health and Wellness; Bonnie Canziani, Director of the Hospitality Management Program; John Lee Jellicorse, Head, Department of Broadcasting and Cinema; Gwendolyn O’Neal, Head, Department of Consumer Apparel and Retail Studies; Jerrie Hsieh, Department of Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality Management and J. David Smith, Department of Special Education Services.
**NCAIE State Conference in Asheville**

This year the North Carolina Association of International Educators (NCAIE) held its annual state conference in Asheville North Carolina. Representatives from all over the state gave the event a strong turnout as well as presenting an interesting array of conference sessions. The following individuals, representing UNCG, attended the conference and presented sessions; **Bud Miles**, (co-presenter) *Making the Magic Happen: Disney Internship Opportunities for International Students*; **Heidi Fischer**, *Recruiting Business Majors to Study Abroad-The Students’ Perspective*; **Tom Martinek, Jr. and Penelope Pynes**, *Bringing Intercultural Sensitivity into Study Abroad Programs Workshop*; **Daniel Diaz**, (co-presenter) *Leading the Way, Advising Rising International Professionals*; **Anelise Hofmann**, *F-1 Visa Workshop*; **David Di Maria**, *Understanding the Philosophy of International Programming: Why Do We Do the Things We Do?*

The NCAIE conference provides professionals and non-professionals, in the field of international education, the opportunity to learn about new developments within the field, share ideas, meet one another face to face, as well as the opportunity to honor its participating members for outstanding achievements. Receiving NCAIE’s highest honor this year, the Martha Fitch Trigonis Individual Award, was **Diana Levy** of UNC-Chapel Hill. Also congratulations to **Tom Martinek, Jr.**, of the International Programs Center at UNCG, for his excellent work on the NCAIE Board that organized the event.

**UNCG Students honored at conference**

**Rakesh Babu**, from Sambalpur, India and **Vishal Midha**, from Chandigarh, India who are both participating in the ISOM PhD program, received the “Best Student Paper Award” at the Southern Association for Information Systems Conference in Jacksonville, Florida on March 12, 2006. Their paper, “Accessible e-Learning: Equal Pedagogical Opportunities for Students with Sensory Limitations,” focused on electronic learning for students with disabilities. The students assert in their paper that, if educational software systems for e-learning are made accessible, students with sensory impairments, such as the blind, can perform at the same level as students without impairments. **Mary Culkin**, Director of the Office of Disability Services at UNCG, said "the research highlights the principles of Universal Design, the idea of creating an environment usable by all people without the need for adaptation or specialized design."

**Visiting International Scholars**

**Christine Hannemann**, from Germany, arrived on March 1, 2006. She is working in the Department of Sociology.
**Recent Travelers**

During the month of March the following UNCG faculty members traveled around the globe in pursuit of international perspectives in their various disciplines: Susan Andreatta, Anthropology (Canada); Daniel Beerman, Social Work (Costa Rica); Jacalyn Claes, Social Work (United Kingdom); Keith Cushman, English (France); Dorothy Davis, Anthropology (Mexico); Marilyn Edwards, Social Work (Costa Rica); Linda Hestenes, Human Development & Family Studies (Costa Rica); Elizabeth Leal, Art (Portugal); Todd Lewis, Counseling & Educational Development (Canada); Mary Morgan, Human Development & Family Studies (Costa Rica); Sharon Morrison, Public Health Education (Canada); Christine Murray, Counseling & Educational Development (Canada); Jane Myers, Counseling & Educational Development (Canada); Linda Stine, Anthropology (Mexico); and Kelly Wester, Counseling & Educational Development (Canada).

**Recent Visitors**

On Wednesday March 22, 2006 UNCG welcomed the Department of State visit of Drs. Hassan Bellihi, Director, National School of Commerce and Management (ENCG), Agadir, Morocco; Mohammed Marzak, Director, National School of Commerce and Management (ENCG), Settat, Morocco; and Bassam Ibrahim, Vice President, Administration and Student Affairs, Al-Ba'th University, Syria.

While on their visit the guests met with various faculty and staff, including Chancellor Patricia Sullivan, James K. Weeks, Dean, Bryan School of Business, Mary Culkin, Director, Office of Disability Services, Riad Ajami, Director, Center for Global Business Education & Research, Bryan School of Business, Mary Ellis Gibson, Professor, Women & Gender Studies, and Amna Latif, Graduate Student, Women & Gender Studies.

**International Travel Fund**

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded ITF grants in March: Craig Cashwell, Counseling & Development (Canada); Todd Lewis, Counseling & Educational Development (Canada); Sharon Morrison, Public Health Education (Canada); Roberto Rice, Art (United Kingdom); and Carmen Sotomayor, Romance Languages (Spain); The ITF brochure and budget form can be found at [www.uncg.edu/ipg/ipc/fdp.html](http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/ipc/fdp.html)

**Kohler Award Fund**

The next deadline for applications in research and teaching is April 13, 2006. The Kohler Fund brochure, coversheet, and budget form can be found on the IPC website at [www.uncg.edu/ipg/ipc/fdp.html](http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/ipc/fdp.html)

**HES in Costa Rica**

The school of Human Environmental Sciences sent six faculty members to Costa Rica in March to plan the details for the second summer language and culture immersion program. Faculty members visited three communities of Nicaraguan refugees and spent time at a unique child care and nutrition program. IPC supported the trip with Kohler funds to several faculty members. Attending were Linda Hestenes, Steve Hestenes, Mary Morgan (Human Development & Family Studies). Dan Beerman, Marilyn Edwards (Social Work) and Ann-Marie Scott (Nutrition).
Saturday, April 24, everyone is welcome! Come friends, Come neighbors, Come young and old!! To UNCG’s 24th Annual International Festival. Meet people from around the world and learn about their society and culture at this FREE event. Held around the water fountain in front of the dining hall, you can taste the amazing variety of foods, watch and listen to the multicultural performances or come to look around and enjoy the day. Do not miss this great opportunity to discover how wonderful and diverse UNCG and Greensboro really are!

Friday Fest: India

**Friday Fest Schedule**

- South Korea: 3/24/06
- Turkey: 3/31/06
- Sweden & Finland: 4/7/06

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