

Miami University
Board of Trustees Academic/Student Affairs Committee
Monday, June 22, 2009
1:00 p.m.
Room 104 Roudebush Hall, Oxford Campus

- 1. Update on Regional Campus Committee Report**
- 2. Admissions update and review**
- 3. International students discussion**
- 4. Consideration of resolution to recommend Centers of Excellence to the Ohio Board of Regents**

MIAMI UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Memorandum

TO: Academic Affairs Subcommittee of the Miami University Board of Trustees

FROM: David Keitges, Director of International Education

DATE: March 5, 2009

SUBJECT: Campus Challenges Related to International Undergraduate Students at Miami University

I write to briefly describe five current issues related to our effective support of international students from 66 countries now enrolled at Miami University. In spring 2009, 377 international undergraduate students are enrolled, compared to only 98 students five years ago. (Graduate students during this same period rose from 165 to 205). The diversity of international students has also changed as we now enroll 298 mostly undergraduate Chinese students compared to only 39 mostly graduate Chinese students five years ago. Finally, the number of international first-year applicants for fall 2009 has doubled since last year, and most are from China. We are challenged to provide a successful experience for this rapidly growing undergraduate population.

1. Providing appropriate support for this fast-expanding population. The Office of International Education and numerous other academic, administrative and support units are now upgrading visa-support, orientation, academic advising, English-language support, and wide variety of other social support services for these students. We have dramatically expanded our orientation activities, added a new pre-semester Academic Preparation and Culture Program, and made the campus aware of our rapidly growing and changing international student population. These efforts must continue to grow, too.
2. Diversity of students in the international population. Currently 60% of our international undergraduate population comes from one country, China, with the next largest population of 6% coming from Korea. Through increased recruitment efforts and more scholarship support we need to attract students from the other major sending countries of India, Korea, Japan, Canada, Taiwan, Mexico, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Thailand and elsewhere. Miami must not become too dependent on a single source of students as political and economic upheavals overseas can and do disrupt foreign student flows to the United States.
3. Support faculty eager to serve the learning needs of these students. With this dramatic increase in international undergraduate enrollment, Miami faculty are now grappling with the need to find new and more effective ways to promote the learning of these students who bring culturally different expectations and skills to the classroom. With CELT and through consultation with departments, we are encouraging faculty to look anew at teaching practices to ensure maximum learning by these students.
4. Providing an authentic “Miami Experience” to our international students. Our goal with all undergraduate students is to provide an effective and exciting Miami educational experience on a culturally rich and supportive campus. International students receive a more intense version of this experience as they perfect their knowledge of language and culture as well as excel in their studies. We are gearing up to provide additional campus programming to integrate these students into the seamless whole of what it means to be a Miamian.
5. Making best use of our international students to “internationalize” Miami University. An important international education goal of the university is to utilize the presence, knowledge and enthusiasm of international students to help our Ohio and US students understand and appreciate different cultures and ways of thinking. We are now increasing “interaction” events between domestic and international students with the intention of bringing to the greater Miami mind the knowledge of different cultures.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS							
Spring 2009							
International Students:							
Continuing Students Enrolled in Spring Semester 2009 = 514							
New Students Enrolled in Spring Semester 2009 = 68							
Total International Students Enrolled - 582							
Total International Students Enrolled - Oxford campus = 573 (branch campuses = 9)							
Total Students on Optional Practical Training = 45							
Grand Total: 628							
Male Int'l Students Enrolled - 248 (90 Grad, 158 UG) Female Int'l Students Enrolled - 334 (115 Grad, 219 UG)							
Geographic Distribution of International Students Who are Enrolled (66 countries):							
	TOTAL	Grad	Undergrad		TOTAL	Grad	Undergrad
Bahamas	3	2	1	Malawi	1	1	0
Bahrain	1	0	1	Malaysia	4	0	4
Brazil	5	1	4	Mexico	3	3	0
Bulgaria	2	1	1	Namibia	1	0	1
Cameroon	2	1	1	Nepal	8	7	1
Canada	14	2	12	Netherlands	1	0	1
China	298	69	229	New Zealand	2	2	0
Colombia	2	1	1	Nigeria	3	2	1
Cyprus	1	0	1	Norway	1	0	1
Czech Republic	2	2	0	Pakistan	1	0	1
Egypt	1	1	0	Peru	1	0	1
Eritrea	2	2	0	Philippines	2	0	2
Finland	1	0	1	Poland	10	8	2
France	2	2	0	Portugal	1	0	1
Georgia	1	0	1	Qatar	3	0	3
Germany	8	3	5	Russia	4	1	3
Ghana	8	5	3	Saudi Arabia	2	1	1
Honduras	1	0	1	Serbia	1	1	0
Hong Kong	9	1	8	Singapore	1	0	1
India	50	35	15	South Africa	2	1	1
Indonesia	3	1	2	Spain	1	1	0
Iran	2	2	0	Sri Lanka	2	0	2
Israel	1	0	1	Sweden	6	0	6
Italy	3	1	2	Taiwan	6	4	2
Japan	7	5	2	Thailand	3	1	2
Jordan	1	1	0	Turkey	1	1	0
Kazakhstan	2	0	2	Ukraine	2	1	1
Kenya	19	13	6	United Kingdom	8	3	5
Laos	1	1	0	Venezuela	3	2	1
Korea (South)	28	5	23	Vietnam	4	1	3
Lithuania	1	0	1	West Bank	1	1	0
Luxembourg	7	0	7	Zambia	2	2	0
Madagascar	1	1	0	Zimbabwe	4	3	1
Summary According to Schools or Divisions of the University (undergraduates):							
Arts & Science	90						
Applied Science	31						
Business Admin.	199						
Education	10						
Fine Arts	16						
Environ. Sci.	0						
Other/Undeclared	31						
Total Undergraduates	377						
Total Graduate Students:	205						

RESOLUTION R2009-

WHEREAS, the Chancellor of the University System of Ohio issued a Strategic Plan for Higher Education on March 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the development of Centers of Excellence is a key element of the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, each institutional report must be approved by the institution's Board of Trustees prior to submittal to the Chancellor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Miami University approves the submittal of the following proposals for Centers of Excellence at Miami University to the Chancellor of the University System of Ohio in accordance with the Strategic Plan for Higher Education:

- o Scripps Gerontology Center
- o Armstrong Institute for Interactive Media Studies
- o Institute for Entrepreneurship
- o Ohio's Evaluation & Assessment Center for Mathematics and Science Education