

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees  
FROM: Doug Treadway  
DATE: October 25, 2006  
SUBJECT: China Delegation Report

For two weeks in late May and early June a delegation of Ohlone staff and eight students traveled through China as part of our international education initiatives. The primary purpose was for students to learn about China and meet with counterpart schools. The students were enrolled in a 3-unit class entitled “China in the Global Economy” under direction of Dr. Xisheng Fang, Ohlone Professor of Computer Science. The course included four lectures prior to the trip, visits to museums and cultural sites during the trip, and an online writing component upon return. In addition to Dr. Fang, Ohlone staff involved in developing and supervising the visit included Walt Birkedahl, Dean for Fine Arts, Business and Broadcasting; Renee Gonzales, Student Services Assistant; and Pilar Lewis, Assistant Professor of Multimedia Studies.

Another important purpose of the trip was to explore future program partnerships and exchanges. The delegation was hosted by the Shanghai College of Arts and Crafts and the Shanghai Theater Academy. An immediate result of these meetings is the planned visit of Shanghai Theatre Academy dancers in November. The delegation also visited the Zhejiang Changzheng Professional and Technical College in Hangzhou and our Sister College the Taizhou Radio & Television University/Community College in Taizhou. The delegation was also able to visit Xian and Beijing.

At this evening’s Board meeting delegation members will give a report on their trip, including learning outcomes and plans for future program partnerships and exchanges.

RECOMMENDATION:

The presentation is for information purposes and no action is recommended.

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