



# Report to Trustees

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION...

...where Broncos take flight!

## Promoting and Expanding FSU Study Abroad Programs

- FSU delegation led by Dr. Marion Gillis-Olion visited eight (8) educational institutions in Japan and China in June 2005 to discuss cooperation programs.
- In 2005, 28 students and faculty members from MBA, Government and History, and Education programs went to China, Ghana, and Japan for seminars, summer sessions, and international conferences.
- We are preparing cooperative dual degree programs, course offerings, student exchange, and research collaboration in Mathematics, Computer Science, Chinese, Economics, and MBA with universities in China, Hong Kong, and France.
- We are collaborating with the North Carolina Center for South Asia Studies. The immediate benefits allow FSU to utilize its extensive community college and university network for curricular development in South Asia studies, and offer introductory Hindi through the web-based instructional program developed by North Carolina State University.

## Establishment of Central Office

This initiative of FSU is crucial for a better administration of Study Abroad and International Activities. Since its establishment, the Central Office has:

- established the policies and procedures for study abroad and published online;
- been acting as a government agent to issue the I-20, and managing and updating foreign student data each semester in a new system;
- organized and supported five (5) study abroad programs and international conference participation; processed, supported, and provided consultation to more than 100 FSU students, faculty, and administrators;
- processed study abroad applications and provided information consultation and services to approximately 40 foreign students; and
- proposed a new Director of Study Abroad position to meet the needs of program expansion.

## Expand and Enhance FSU International Partnerships

- Established partnerships with a total of seven (7) foreign universities that include five (5) in China, one (1) in Japan, and one (1) in India.
- Started negotiating prospective partnerships with SIAS International University located in China, Lodz Academy of International Studies located in Poland, and the Brittany Graduate School of Business located in France.
- Facilitated four (4) delegation visits to FSU from Shanghai, Beijing, Inner Mongolia of China, and Rennes of France.

# Improving Foreign Language Lab

- Hired new Director of Foreign Language Lab.
- Extended Lab Hours from 8:00am to 7:00pm for a 16 hour increase.
- Installed a language bar with the East Asian and Scripted Languages packs containing French, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Pushti, and Hindi input methods.
- Installed language teaching software to foreign language faculty's office computers.
- Prepared the catalogue description and syllabus, and decided textbooks for Chinese course offered in fall 2006 at FSU.

## Existing Issues

- Funding request from faculty for study abroad and international education curriculum development;
- Special office or space for foreign student academic and cross-cultural counseling and support;
- A director for study abroad program is required for meeting rapidly growing needs and for reaching a higher development stage; and
- Supplemental funding support for IEC to be more active in its multiple functions, and special needs for local and international marketing.