“A World-Class Education in the Real World”

**OISS Mission**

“Support, and enhance the educational, cultural and social experiences of international students and scholars at Wayne State University and collaborate and partner with colleges, departments and the community to create and maintain an inclusive, global campus.”

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Linda Seatts, Director
Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to present you with this statistical report on international students and scholars at Wayne State University. The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) are responsible for serving WSU’s international community.

Before telling you about some of the activities that OISS has engaged in over the past year, I would like to make some general observations about this year’s data.

**Enrollment Numbers**

- The enrollment for new international graduate students increased by 1%.
- International graduate students consist of 67% of the total international student enrollment.
- The total number of undergraduate international students decreased 12%.
- There was an overall 4% decrease in new international student enrollment from Fall 2006 mainly due to a 51% decrease in sponsored student enrollment from the newly launched Saudi government program.
- In Fall 2007, WSU international students represented 9% of all WSU students.
- WSU ranks third in the state of Michigan for the largest international student enrollment.

**Sending Countries**

- Asia sends the most international students to WSU. 42% of WSU’s international students come from five countries: India (911), China (319), Pakistan (64), Sri Lanka (53) and S. Korea (42).
- North America is a close second, with 36% of international student enrollment from Canada.
In Fall 2007, students came from 96 countries compared to 91 countries in 2006.

The Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences (1101), Engineering (690) Medicine (386) and Business (260) enroll the largest number of international students.

WSU’s international students and scholars contributed more than $93,403,204.00 to the economy through tuition and living expenses.

The number of visiting scholars this past year was 675, representing 50 countries.

During 2007, we were able to put a full staff in place, allowing OISS to spend more time on programming intended to make international students and scholars feel welcome on campus and in the community:

Below is a list of some of OISS’ activities over the past year:

- OISS collaborated with the Law School to facilitate an exchange agreement with the Japanese Supreme Court, the WSU Law School and the 36th District Court. This agreement allows one Japanese Supreme Court Judge to annually visit the WSU Law School and observe the U.S. Judicial system at the 36th District court for 12 months.

- In 2007, over 50 WSU department staff attended foreign employment workshops. These workshops assist departmental administrative managers with processing paperwork for H-1B, J exchange visitor and permanent residency sponsorships. Because of overwhelming response, these workshops are now scheduled quarterly.

- To assist international students and scholars with filing their tax returns, OISS hosted Federal and State Tax Workshops in February and March. Over 200 attendees were advised by special guest speakers form Deloitte Tax LLP and the Michigan Department of Treasury.

- More than 800 new international students enrolled at WSU in Fall 07. The fall orientation program was a success on several levels. First, OISS offered more sessions than in previous years, to accommodate student schedules. Second, the orientation was overhauled to be more practical, and hands-on, which helps students to remember important information.

- OISS had a record turnout for International Education Week, which is celebrated in conjunction with the Departments of State and Education.
This week was held from November 12th to the 16th. OISS offered over 30 programs, which included seminars, workshops, and events. Participants from student organizations, campus departments, the faculty and staff all joined together to help increase the awareness of international education and study abroad at WSU. 2007 marked a record number of faculty who presented sessions.

- The 37th Annual International Fair took place on October 3, 2007. Filled with music, food, entertainment, and culture, this event was attended by thousands that came to see over 14 cultural student groups displaying their diversity.

- Every other Wednesday, International Coffee Hour met 14 times this year with an average of 50 people at each gathering. This event allows international students and domestic students to meet with faculty, staff, and community volunteers.

- To further assist our students, OISS held four separate F-1 Employment Seminars during the year. Over 100 students attended and received information that will help them build their careers, while adhering to US immigration regulations.

- In 2007, OISS revived the student emergency loan fund of $14,500.

All these activities have helped to make WSU a welcoming and comfortable place for international students to pursue their academic goals. We are excited about the new initiatives and programs for 2008. It is a privilege for our staff to serve the international community. In the pages that follow, you will find a wealth of statistical information on the international student and scholar population at WSU.

Sincerely,

Linda Seatts

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Office of International Students and Scholars
International Student Distribution Fall 2007

Percentage of WSU International Student Enrollment

WSU: 33,240,91%
Intl Students: 3317,9%
*Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a benefit for international students that allows them to work anywhere in the U.S. for 12 months after their completion of studies. Although students can do pre-completion OPT, 98% of our OPT students are on post-completion OPT.

**WSU Fall 07 Student Enrollment with Optional Practical Training**

*GRAD* | 1,919,58%  
*UG* | 959,29%  
*OPT* | 439,13%

**WSU Fall 07 Student Enrollment without Optional Practical Training**

*GRAD* | 1,919,67%  
*UG* | 959,33%
WSU International Student Enrollment by College

Grad Sch: 1101
Engineering: 690
Medicine: 386
Business: 260
Phar & HS: 133
Education: 130
FPCA: 72
Nursing: 43
Grad Sch: 26

Top Seven Fields of Study

- Computer Sci: 109
- Bio Sci: 139
- Phys Sci: 155
- Business: 156
- CLAS: 105
- Health Pro: 211
- Engineer: 255
- Bio Sci: 255
- Phys Sci: 621

GRAD
UG
New Student Enrollment Trend
2004-2007

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2005-2007
Percent Change, Fall 06 to Fall 07, Top 10 Countries

*The 51% decrease in Saudi students is due to the decrease in the Saudi government sponsored student program.

Top Ten Countries