

CHASS IP FALL REPORT/CHASS FACULTY MEETING; Nov. 19, 2007

CHASS IP has been active in several areas, including some new initiatives. Together with CHASS International Studies, IP co-sponsored a well-attended International Reception for international undergraduate and graduate students and IS majors as part of Wolfpack Welcome Week. There was a buffet, live Chinese music, and opening remarks by University guest Da Chen. We hope to sponsor the reception every year, and to expand it to include more students and faculty.

Another successful event was the lecture by Professor Doug Harper of Duquesne University earlier this month. His presentation, "Being Italian: Food and Social Life," was based on his new book from University of Chicago Press. About 70 faculty and students attended.

We have reviewed about 20 application packets this fall from CHASS faculty who want to create or renew faculty-led study abroad programs. To help make students more aware of these opportunities and to help the faculty fill their programs, IP has begun to sponsor information tables in Caldwell Lounge. We have also helped the College move forward with NC State's partnership with Concepcion University in Chile. As a result of wonderful cooperation between administrators and faculty here and in Chile, CHASS will soon be the first of NC State's Colleges to have MOUs with a foreign institution that provide for faculty and graduate student exchanges with housing and some other benefits provided.

Our initiative with Alexander Global Village continues to make progress and we are looking for ways to expand it. So far we have held three events at AGV this Fall, and we have our first international academic excursion for AGV set for Spring Break. This year it is to Rome and Florence, and in the future there will be opportunities for other CHASS faculty to lead the trip to their countries of expertise or to DC in alternate years.

One important new initiative for which we are grateful to the Dean is our CHASS International Travel Award, which offers faculty \$500 in support of travel to international conferences. All CHASS faculty received a copy of the application guidelines about three weeks ago. Again, this is intended as a good start, and we hope to expand the program if increased funds are available in future years. Applications were due on Friday. The "winning applications" were selected from our lottery pool this morning. Congratulations to Mark Sosower of FLL, William Kinsella of COM, and Craig Brookins of PSY/IDS.