China Study Abroad – Summer 2007
Pre-Trip Orientation
Science II – Room 202

Week 11 – April 11

I. What’s up in China? News reports from students.

II. Academic
   a. Work on finalizing first draft of proposals
   b. Questions?

III. Cultural
   a. A few Chinese words: Difei Shen
      a. Chinese language website: http://www.csulb.edu/~txie/online.htm

IV. Update on Chinese student visit to Iowa State University – April 30-May 14

V. Preparation
   a. Group Rules for China – Final
   b. Travel Tips (handouts, questions)
   c. Emergency Contact Information
   d. Laws (handout)
   e. Housekeeping
      i. Immunizations
         a. Visit your regular doctor or student health travel clinic to obtain information about
            recommended immunizations.
         b. Please review these websites:
            http://www.cdc.gov/travel/eastasia.htm
            http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/abroad.html

VI. Questions?

VII. Reminders –
   a. Submit photo and personal profile for inclusion on class website (to dfshen@iastate.edu)
   b. Weekly Warming-Up Activities - Research current events in P.R. China. Each week, each
      member of one group should be prepared to give a brief (1-2 minute) oral overview
      regarding one news article you found interesting.
      Suggested sources:
c. Spring/Summer semester activities - To increase your knowledge of China and enhance your experience, we recommend that you read one book of your choice that focuses on China (fiction, nonfiction, biography, history, etc.) during the course of the program. If time permits during our weekly meetings in China, each student may give a 5-8 minute review of his/her book and discuss the similarities and differences between book and observations during the trip. Check the course website for book suggestions.

VIII. **Next meeting: Wednesday, April 18, 6:00-8:30 p.m., 202 Science II**
   a. Final proposal presentations (written outlines and verbal)
   b. Departure preparation (review flight itinerary, rides to Des Moines airport, etc.)

**Case Study Assignments for remainder of the semester**

April 18: Final proposal presentations (written outlines and verbal)
April 25: Group dinner at New China restaurant in Boone (no cost for students)