China Study Abroad – Summer 2007
Pre-Trip Orientation
Brenton Center – 9 Curtiss Hall

Week 9 – March 28

I. Academic
   a. Student video for website – to be viewed by Chinese students.
      i. Each group: 3-5 minute description of case study topic (background, questions to be
         answered, why topic interests you)
      ii. Each student: 1 minute self introduction
   b. Submit written revision of case study topic background paper and protocol

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

III. Cultural
   a. A few Chinese words: Difei Shen
      a. Chinese language website: http://www.csulb.edu/~txie/online.htm
   b. Cross-cultural differences scenario and discussion (group 3 and group 4)

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

V. Preparation
   a. Housekeeping
      i. Travel Updates
         a. Passports and visa applications: Bring passports and signed visa applications and
            one passport quality photo to group leaders or to Ag Study Abroad Office, 111
            Curtiss Hall, no later than Monday, April 2. Passports will be sent to Chinese
            Consulate in Chicago to obtain visas. You cannot enter China without a passport and
            visa!
         ii. 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

VII. Questions?
VIII. Reminders –
   a. 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:
   b. 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.

IX. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 6:00-8:30 p.m., 333 Science II
   a. Working session to finalize first draft of proposals (bring memory sticks)
   b. Group rules for China (review proposed draft)
   c. Packing tips

Case Study Assignments for remainder of the semester

   April 4: Work on finalizing first draft of proposals (bring memory stick)
   April 11: Presentation of team proposals (written outlines and verbal)
   April 18: Final proposal presentations (written outlines and verbal)
   April 25: Group dinner at New China restaurant in Boone (no cost for students)