

Auburn University
CHINA-INDIA Interest Group
Summary of the first exploratory meeting of CIIG April 24, 2009
Agenda for the second meeting on May 22, 2009

April 24, room 302, Lowder Business Building

Meeting started at 11 and ended at 12 noon.

In attendance: See last page for contact information—26 in attendance

Meeting Summary:

1. Jim Barth and Paul Swamidass (facilitators) opened the meeting, welcomed those in attendance, and invited everyone to introduce themselves and describe their interest in CIIG.
2. The facilitators invited volunteers to join a steering committee (or group).
3. All agreed to meet once a month; fourth Friday at 11 AM at a location TBD.
4. Among the items of interest to the larger group:
 - a. Recruitment of more and better students from these countries
 - b. Welcoming and supportive environment for grad students coming to Auburn University
 - c. Assessment of universities in China and India as an input in the assessment of grad students coming here.
5. An idea proposed at the meeting: Have a short presentation at each monthly meeting for no more than 30 minutes by knowledgeable individuals—purpose is to inform and enlighten on matters relating to these countries, recruitment, etc.

Next Meeting:

1. **May 22nd (fourth Friday) in room #14, Lowder Business Building. Dr. George Flowers, Dean of the Graduate School, has agreed to make a short presentation on 22nd.**
2. For future meetings, anyone volunteering a room in their college?? Need at least 30 seats with AV presentation capability.

Post-meeting

3. Need volunteers for the steering committee—send an e-mail to the facilitators (see below)—Dr. Amit Mitra has volunteered.
4. Need a volunteer to make a relevant presentation to this group in future meetings—can be as short as 15 minutes. Please contact the facilitators.

For discussion

A Proposal to the group: The facilitators propose that each member consider the seven Goals of the CIIG originally proposed (see below), and volunteer to serve as a committee member on one or more Goals Committees. Each Committee to meet separately to develop action items for the goal entrusted to the said committee and presents them to the larger group for discussion and adoption. The goals may be amended, if needed.

Goals:

1. *To increase the number and quality of graduate students at AU from the two countries with the world's biggest populations and the most students studying abroad.*
2. *To increase the number of visiting scholars from universities in these countries to AU and vice-versa so as to increase teaching and research opportunities for AU faculty.*

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3. *To advance and promote the name of AU in the academic and non-academic communities in these increasingly important countries.*
4. *To bring a more accurate appreciation throughout AU for the academic programs in these countries and the extent to which they are becoming more competitive in academic circles.*
5. *To increase the amount of collaborative and sponsored research between the AU faculty and the faculties in these countries, where academic research support is continually increasing.*
6. *To increase the number of available graduate fellowships at AU for promising graduate students from these countries.*
7. To bring graduate students funded by their own countries. Such students seek better known researchers, scholars, and universities.

CIIG attendees 4/24

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E-mail and phone numbers not included to prevent spam

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