

Global Encounter-China

MSU Students in China-Opportunities-Group Report Out

Procedure used to generate this document:

What *opportunities* exist for MSU in relation to your area of consideration in our current efforts and future possibilities in China?

What *challenges* exist for MSU in relation to your area of consideration in our current efforts and future possibilities in China?

What *advice* concerning this region and this area of consideration would you like to pass along to future groups following thorough on these ideas?

Additional comments?

After the pre-writing period, the group discussed the topic. These report-out notes are taken from the presentation the group facilitator made to the plenary session.

Opportunities

- Current study abroad, broaden and deepen beyond just summer SA. Do not do what is already familiar.
- A full year study abroad program is needed
- Peace Corps
- Future:
 - Service Learning and/or Internships
 - Proof-reading and editing in a firm by students could be an excellent opportunity for earning income and learning
 - Post-graduate opportunities
- Fulbright Awards including Fulbright fellowships, Fulbright-Hayes doctoral dissertation abroad awards—will require language skills
- On line learning (booming markets)
- FLAS
- Funding for program creation and program maintenance
- How do we change the criteria for promotion and tenure to provide incentives for faculty to participate?
- Need full year language/culture exchange
- Need high school summer study abroad program

Challenges

- Impression of students/parents relative to safety and other issues related to China
- FUNDING
- Change the reward system to reward the faculty
- Cultural/language training
- Persuading the private sector to provide resources
- Make use of returning students

Advice

- Develop a continuum of China experiences from high school thru college
- Full-year language/cultural exchange (2007)
- High school summer study abroad program
- Construct a master list of scholarships/support available for students
- Provide resources
- Internal funding for transportation

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