Attending:

Agenda –
Welcome and greetings

Special guest, Ms. Linda Fulps of the Public Relations office
• Linda Fulps is a Communication Specialist for Missouri S&T Communications, [http://communications.mst.edu](http://communications.mst.edu). Her e-mail address is: fulpsl@mst.edu Phone: 341-7541, you can also submit information to news@mst.edu
• When you are preparing publicity for your event there are important questions to think about:
  ▪ What did your organization do in previous semesters?
  ▪ What is the purpose of your event?
  ▪ Who is your targeted audience?
  ▪ It is important to identify key people (who are the contacts?)
  ▪ What is the date? Time? Location?
• Good to have photos that can be forwarded, maximum two.
• Important to advertise your events of faculty & staff econnection (Communications department) and on the student e-connection.
• Important to submit your events to the campus calendar. The Rolla Daily News uses this information!
• Important to plan your publicity. You should contact Linda about 3 weeks before an event or activity to get the best coverage. Press releases are very short, very factual – they go to area newspapers, tv and radio stations. Newspapers and radio stations might contact the clubs directly for more information and to expand the article.
• If you need a photographer, you can make a request by going online. You must complete a form. There is an hourly rate of $25/hr for the campus photographer.

Discussion of Going Global – a web-based job search engine under review by Career Opportunities Center and International Affairs.
• Website info sheet distributed, students asked to provide input on what they think about the possibility of adding this as a job source through the Career Opportunity Center.

Orientation
• Carmina distributed document that had an overview of all upcoming orientation events
• They still need volunteers for transportation –
• Question – how much notice will students get regarding a trip to St. Louis?
• Answer hopefully 48 hours
• Discussion of workshops
  ▪ Plagiarism – to be held in second week of school, need student volunteers for input.
  ▪ Plan is to have a three part workshop that will be held throughout the semester
  ▪ Financial Planning Workshop – September
  ▪ Safety and Self Defense - October

Immigration reminders and updates
• Travelers – if you travel, it is a good idea to have immigration documents with you.
• When students return to campus, they should check their address info in Joe’SS at the beginning of the semester. It is critical to have an accurate address for “SEVIS” and Local
• Change of status – can be done in two ways
  1. Application within the U.S. – work with your international student advisor
  2. Leave the country
• Mexico will no longer accept visitors who want to change their status
Other countries still do, but you must check before you travel. Please remember that there is no guarantee that you will have an easy experience or that you will be allowed to return. All visa requests can be subject to a review as per the Technology Alert List.

Club Announcements

African Student Association
- change of date for Gala, move to April 18 (scheduling)
- Interested in developing welcome/orientation documents for the I-20 package that will be sent to students from Africa

India Assoc –
- Summer games have started
- the Freshers event is scheduled to welcome all new students from India
- Discussion of orkut.com a social networking website similar to facebook, new arrivals are currently corresponding on this website and meeting each other before they come to the United States

Chinese Student & Scholar Association
- Working on new student orientation
- Have creating a listserv for all new incoming student and anIM list, also corresponding with new students by facebook

Saudi Student Association
- Working on a handbook for new students & tour of Rolla
- Harold has requested volunteers to help with Aramco new students arriving on August 6

International Student Club
- Float Trip July 25, all spots have been taken!
- Welcome party August 31 at the SWBCC
- Halloween event on Oct 31

Campus requests:
- Jerri Arnold Cook needs 1 or 2 volunteers to meet with prospective candidates for the position of Coordinator for the office of Leadership and Cultural Programs
- Nizar might be able to help with this

Other: Buffi working on an orientation feedback survey – this will be put on Blackboard and the office is inviting all students to provide feedback on their experience. Other materials will be posted to Blackboard

Upcoming Programs and Events:
- ISC Float Trip – July 25, 2009 – Great fun!
- India Association Summer Games! Contact Humayun for more information!
- Information Fair-August 11, 2009
- Welcome Picnic – August 13, 2009
- Diwali Festival-October 25, 2009
- Spring Festival-February 14, 2010
- International Student Day-March 7, 2010
- Saudi Student Association – April 11, 2010
- African Gala – April 18, 2010