

From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Morgan, Lisa K](#); [Radnovich, Karen Jill](#); [Long, Michelle D \(mlong@utdallas.edu\)](#)
Subject: \$\$\$
Date: Friday, July 8, 2011 3:35:00 PM

Michelle needs for my budget presentation a rough figure for the amount of outside money brought in to UTD (grants, gifts, matching funds where applicable) from the following Centers during the past 2 years:

ATEC/EMAC: I think we have this now

Holocaust

Confucius Institute: I believe the now should be \$350,000+

CISM

Center for Values (This is easy: \$5M)

Translation Center (This one is easy too: \$75,000)

Also, I need the names, where possible, of the new Professorships/Chairs added from this \$\$ (Holocaust: Patterson's Chair and Roemer's Professorship; etc.)

I am not including Guitar since it is not formally a Center/Institute.

Need this ASAP!

Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: CBess@DallasMuseumofArt.org
Subject: A&L LIVE
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 4:59:00 PM

Dear Carolyn,

I have been thinking about potential speakers for next year, focusing on books that would connect with our programs and Centers. Some initial ideas:

Douglas Starr: [The Killer of Little Shepherds](#) (Center for Values)
Benjamin Hale: [The Evolution of Bruno Littlemore](#) (Center for Values)
Huang: [Charlie Chan](#) (Confucius Institute)

Gordon: [Lord of Misrule](#) (probably on your list already since it won the National Book Award)

I now have an even better excuse to buy more books.

Your friend,
Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Dougherty, Erin](#)
Subject: Alumni Letter
Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2010 10:03:00 AM
Attachments: [Alumni Letter 2010.doc](#)

Here it is. Edit as needed.

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: s-lyle@ti.com
Cc: [Morgan, Lisa K](#); PRitter@dfwairport.com; [Monique Wedderburn](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: Asia Center
Date: Friday, April 29, 2011 10:43:00 AM

Dear Steve,

Today's [Dallas Morning News](#) has an interesting story in the Business section about the growth of Asian-owned companies in DFW.

After much thought, I agree with Phil that we should hold off on the TI presentation. Monique officially assumes her position on Monday; and we should focus on gathering information, refining the proposal and creating/testing that 4-5 slide focused presentation. Meanwhile, I have made contact with some local leaders who have supported the Confucius Institute to discuss our expanded vision.

We will be regularly in touch. Thanks for All you are doing!

Warm regards,
Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Asia Center
Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 4:47:00 PM

Dear Angie,

Both the food and (more importantly) the conversation on Saturday were delightful. As promised, here is the contact information about those present at the meeting last week:

Monique Wedderburn will become the Director of the UT Dallas Asia Center (even though it does not yet exist) on May 1.

Monique was born in Belize but grew up in Thailand.

Dr. Mark Spong is Dean of the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

Dr. Hasan Pirkul is Dean of the School of Management.

I appreciate your enthusiasm for the Asia Center and your suggestions more than I have the ability to express. My engagement with the Confucius Institute and China (and of course the wondrous Sharon) has been a transforming experience for me as a professor and a person. My goal is to strengthen the Confucius Institute and our relationship with Chinese universities through this expanded vision.

I look forward to our next conversation.

Take care,
Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Kratz, Abby](#)
Subject: Banquest
Date: Monday, September 12, 2011 2:53:00 PM
Importance: High

Hi,

We have been invited to the “installation banquet” of the Consul General in Houston on September 20. I will be in Fort Worth that day and the next; but Sharon should attend – and she really, really, really (her words) wants you to go with her. It would be wonderful of you to represent UTD and the Confucius Institute and make Sharon happy.

Also, remember that Sunday the 25th/Monday 26th is the planning retreat at Trammell’s farm. Phil Ritter, Steve Lyle and others will be there.

I keep your life so full of opportunities...

D

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From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: [Gou, Xuehong](#); [Kang, Olivia](#)
Subject: BNU PP for Tuesday night
Date: Monday, March 28, 2022 9:17:45 PM

As is my generally exasperating way, I have been tinkering with the PP. Here is my thinking:

Still begin with a reminder of the BNU visit (year?) and the quote from President Benson.

Then elaborate a bit about **UTD** with a slide or two: Known for science, engineering, strong Asian enrollment (will provide figures).

A&H: Known for innovation - ATEC [2002: now a School]. Add TRANSLATION CENTER SLIDE with the Book "Translating China for the West"

Confucius Institute: since CI opened in 2007 has expanded Asia-focused academics - Japanese, Chinese, Arabic (after Spanish) highest enrolled foreign languages; went from 0 to 8 full-time Asian faculty (6 Chinese: Gu, Gou, Bei Chen, Songyao Ren, Jacqueline Chao, soon Mai Wong + Prof. Hoki & Lauren Kim), Asian Studies minor & growing.

2019: CROW added [nice slide]; **CI NOW A CAS [use the announcement slide already in PP]: MAJOR EVENT. RARE EARTH INVITATION SLIDE** that mentions CAS as co-presenter: shows continuing China focus & joins science with arts/humanities)

NOW TO **MA IN HUMANITIES FOR BNU STUDENTS**

DO WE WANT TO MENTION THE SUMMER PROGRAM? Use some of the slides from the February presentation to A&H Faculty?

[The slide about market for Chinese teachers in Dallas? Do we want to focus on Dallas? Do the BNU students want to teach in US? High School? The slide - just listing web stories - is kind of mundane.]

"Thank You" slide at conclusion should show students rather than buildings.

Exasperating yours,
Dennis

From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: [Brody, Salena](#)
Subject: Center for Asian Studies
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:19:31 PM
Attachments: [ASIAN AMERICAN NARRATIVES PRECIS DMK 5-22.docx](#)

Dear Salena,

I have followed and admired your contributions to the university and community for some time. This message – embarrassingly overdue – includes an invitation and a request that I hope you will consider accepting.

The invitation is to become involved in the Center for Asian Studies (CAS) – as an affiliated faculty member and, if you are willing, as a member of our Faculty Advisory Council.

The request is for your advice. The CAS has been working on an initiative label *The Asian American Narratives Project*. I have attached a draft for your information, comments, criticism and/or suggestions. The project emerged out of a presentation that Betsy made to the Collegium V Honors class (“Issues in Asian Studies”) that I offered in 2020, and the CAS Student Advisory Council helped develop in 2021.

A corollary request involves the future of the CAS. Reviewing the first three years of our existence, I am disappointed in the paucity of programming focused on India and interaction with the Indian community. Given our roots in the Confucius Institute, an emphasis on China and Southeast Asia has been understandable but not inevitable; and so I am gathering a Task Force to address and correct the situation.

If you have any interest in playing a role in the future of the CAS, I would be pleased to meet with you - via TEAMS if you prefer, otherwise in person and perhaps over lunch – for a deeper conversation. (When the CAS was just beginning, Amy Hofland and I tried to recruit Betsy to UTD; however, lack of funding and an abundance of miscommunication were too much to overcome.)

With all best wishes,
Dennis Kratz

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Spong, Mark W](#); [Marquart, James W](#); [Moore, Bert S](#); [Salamon, Myron B](#); [Pirkul, Hasan](#); [Fair, George W](#)
Subject: Center for Asian Studies
Date: Thursday, February 17, 2011 4:58:00 PM

Dear friends,

Dr. Wildenthal has asked me to lead an effort exploring the establishment of a Center for Asian Studies at UT Dallas. The proposed Center would build on the solid foundation of existing courses, research centers and faculty expertise at the university. The School of Arts and Humanities, for example, not only houses the Confucius Institute but also offers instruction in Chinese and Japanese language as well as a range of courses in Asian history and literature and a minor in Chinese Studies. As a first step in crafting the proposal, I seek your advice and also your help in gathering information about the centers, programs and courses in each School relevant to this project – as well as identifying faculty members who might support it. I have discussed the idea with Phil Ritter, Chair of the UT Dallas Development Board, who shares my opinion that such a center could attract significant attention and funding to the university.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: MAYOR@MCKINNEYTEXAS.ORG
Cc: [Konstans, Constantine](#)
Subject: China
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2010 3:12:00 PM

Dear Brian,

About to leave for a conference in Beijing, I am reminded of our most promising conversation. I look forward to continuing a discussion of a partnership with the City of McKinney, UT Dallas' Confucius Institute and other organizations to foster more positive interactions with China.

All best wishes,
Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: mbryson@coppellisd.com; [REDACTED]
Subject: Confucius Classrooms
Date: Friday, June 17, 2011 12:00:00 PM

This is the attachment: a letter to Sharon Yang from the CI at Portland State University.

Dear Sharon,

Thank you for your inquiry. Below is an email I sent out to the Directors listserv while ago to answer the similar questions. Hope it helps in your case and please feel free to contact me should you have more questions.

Thank you!

Best regards,

Meiru Liu

Our university has been informed by the US State Department that we may not use our visa program for Hanban-sent volunteer teachers who are to be sent to teach at local K-12 schools. We did investigate other visa options that might be open to those schools in Oregon that need volunteer teachers. Luckily, Oregon Department of Education just signed a MOU with Hanban on Jan. 18, in which it states that ODE will be responsible for the teacher visa program to bring international teachers to Oregon K-12 schools.

Prior to the signed MOU, we have found that the Institute of International Education (IIE) does offer both the teacher and specialist visas for K-12 schools who might want to invite a teacher or a specialist.

1. The Institute of International Education sponsors visiting teachers at K-12 schools around the United States. However, the teachers that are nominated must have at least three years of experience after they complete their university bachelor's degree. So if the CI or an area school wishes to use the teacher visa program through IIE or hosting school's own J-1 program, CI or area schools will need to nominate teachers with at least three years of experience.

2. In the meantime, **IIE is willing to host the CI visitors as "J-1 Specialists"**. This means that the schools would pay a program fee to IIE to sponsor the visitors on their specialist J-1 program if they wish so they could invite the teaching assistants to be here in the K-12 schools in the Portland area. The IIE Exchange Visitor program director responded that they are happy to do this but there are restrictions: IIE could sponsor them on the specialist visa category but the visitors **cannot teach**. Rather the IIE program director says they will authorize the visitors to "... **guide U.S. teachers in how to teach Mandarin to children.**" If this is what the visitors will/ can do then your school could proceed with IIE sponsorship if you wish. The cost is about \$1500 per visitor.

So there is an option that the Confucius Institute could use, through the Institute for International Education (IIE), which has a teacher visa program that CI could use. The website is here:

<http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/International-Teachers-Program>.

Hope the above info helps. If you have any more questions, please contact IIE or International Scholars Officer at your university and I'm sure they'll know much more than I do. Thank you.

All the best,

Meiru Liu

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Gu, Ming](#); [Tian, Xiangbin](#); [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: Confucius Institute
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2011 4:42:00 PM
Attachments: [PROTOCOLS FOR UT DALLAS CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE.docx](#)

Dear Friends,

Occasional instances of miscommunication during the past year have led me to realize that we need clearer protocols to guide our creation and implementation of new projects. Please examine the three suggestions in the attachment. I would like to have a meeting to discuss these and other (mostly good) issues in the next week or two.

Best wishes,
Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Tian, Xiangbin](#); [Gu, Ming](#); [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Cc: [Xujun, Tian](#); [Young, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Confucius Institute
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2011 4:20:00 PM
Importance: High

Dear Professor Tian,

I write concerning several matters of importance.

As a result of questions raised regarding the potential invitation of teachers from China to come to the Westwood School, officials at UT Dallas have instructed me to delay all such invitations until they are able to determine whether UT Dallas in fact has the authority to issue J-1 visas for foreign nationals to teach at institutions other than our university. Please inform the individuals who received letters of invitation not to proceed further until you hear from me. It is possible that we will not be able to provide “volunteer teachers” for the Coppel ISD Confucius Classrooms in the fall.

We definitely do not have the authority, as I have indicated, to invite teachers not affiliated with Confucius Institute through its Confucius Classrooms. Given the unsettled situation, I do not think it wise to pursue a Confucius Classroom for the Westwood School at this time. With regard to this and other matters, it is imperative that we meet as a team to create a coherent strategy before embarking on new initiatives and/or extending invitations to schools to participate in a project.

I wish you all success in your discussions with Hanban. The continued success of the Confucius Institute is of great importance to UT Dallas and, as you know, to me personally.

With all best wishes,
Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: Don Lien"
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 3:40:00 PM

Hi!

Don Lien is trying to contact you to see whether (as Hanban apparently suggested) we can absorb 5 students from the San Antonio area into our summer group. His number is [REDACTED]. Thanks!

I have the polo shirts in my office.

Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: Event
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2011 11:01:29 PM

Dear Sharon,
I am consistently amazed by your energy, grace and effectiveness. The Confucius Classroom event was a triumph.
Thank you!
Dennis

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: [Gou, Xuehong](#); [Kang, Olivia](#)
Subject: Friday
Date: Friday, March 18, 2022 9:45:41 AM

Good morning,

Sharon,

I will defer to your opinion whether to begin Tuesday evening's discussion with a brief PP presentation. If we do, I think we should include a slide with information about the demographic of UTD. Was that on the presentation I gave to the Research group?

Thanks to both for fine work on the "Special Announcement."

I sent this brief message to Mr. Baecher:

The University of Texas at Dallas permanently closed its Confucius Institute in August 2019. The Center for Asian Studies (CAS) is not affiliated with the Confucius Institutes program. You can find more information about the Center's mission and programs on our web site:

[Center for Asian Studies - The University of Texas at Dallas](#)

<https://asianstudies.utdallas.edu>

As Director of the CAS, I will be pleased to reply to any questions that you have.

Sincerely,
Dennis Kratz

At home working if you need me.

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Morales, Katherine](#)
Subject: FW: A News Item for UTD website from Ming Gu
Date: Monday, June 20, 2011 2:26:00 PM
Attachments: [Gu Chairs Forum.doc](#)
[Miller-Forum.jpg](#)

The message that I mentioned to you this afternoon

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Dean, School of Arts and Humanities

From: Gu, Ming
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 10:29 PM
To: Kratz, Dennis M; Yang, Xiaohong
Subject: A News Item for UTD website from Ming Gu

Dear Dennis,

I was invited to chair an international summit forum featuring Prof. J. Hillis Miller in China. I have written a report. I think, UTD's website news column and our school's website may be interested in carrying the report, but as Sarah left UTD, I don't know to whom to send the report. I am sending it to you together with a forum poster. Please forward it to the right person. Thanks.
Happy Birthday!

Best,
Ming Dong

Sharon,

Could you please put it on the Confucius Institute website?
Thanks,
Best,
Ming Dong

UT Dallas Professor Chairs International Summit Forum in China

On June 2, 2011, Prof. Ming Dong Gu, director of the Confucius Institute at UT Dallas, was invited to chair an International Summit Forum in Yangzhou, China. The forum, titled "Theory and The Disappearing Future: On De Man and Benjamin," gathered together over forty scholars from the US and China, among whom were two distinguished speakers, Prof. J. Hillis Miller from the University of California-Ervine and Prof. Tom Cohen from the State University of New York at Albany. A former colleague of Paul de Man and a member of the Yale School of Deconstructive Criticism, Prof. Miller spoke on the relevance of De Man's critical theory for present-day literary studies. Prof. Cohen, one of de Man's students, spoke about the so far unpublished details of De Man's influential speech on Walter Benjamin's famous essay "The Task of the Translator." Their presentations centered on the main ideas of a book jointly authored by Miller, Cohen and Claire Colebrook, *Theory and The Disappearing Future: On De Man, On Benjamin*, to be

published by Routledge. Prof. Gu commented on their presentations and the forum participants engaged the speakers on issues adumbrated in their speeches including such hot topics as globalization, consumerism, terrorism, financial meltdown, environmental crises, and their impact on literary theory and cultural studies.

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dennis.mccuistion@gmail.com <dennis.mccuistion@gmail.com>; Sue Baker <SBaker@furrs.net>
Sent: Wed Nov 03 18:03:51 2010
Subject: Confucius Institute - McKinney, Texas

Dean Dennis Kratz

I have an opportunity that I would like to promote to you and the Confucius Institute/UTD.

My good friend, McKinney, TX Mayor Brian Loughmiller and I were discussing McKinney's efforts in developing better relationships with China through the available business/cultural/and educational channels in the area. When he mentioned education...I immediately thought of UTD and your Institute's role in the exact same interest areas. It seems to me that there is significant common ground for a further discussions of the improvements in relationships with UTD/China and the City of McKinney.

Thanks to my best UTD friend Dr Konstans, you and I met at the Institute for Excellence in Corporate Governance (IECG) "Ethics" dinner function last month. By the way, the evening's program you hosted was excellent. The shared benefits the IECG enjoys because of your work on the Confucius Institute is also very important to the mission that Dr Konstans has set for the IECG as well.

So...based on my ongoing interest in the IECG and UTD in general...I would like to host a lunch or breakfast later this month to discuss the potential future working relationship of the Confucius Institute and the city of McKinney, TX - the fast growing county seat for Collin County.

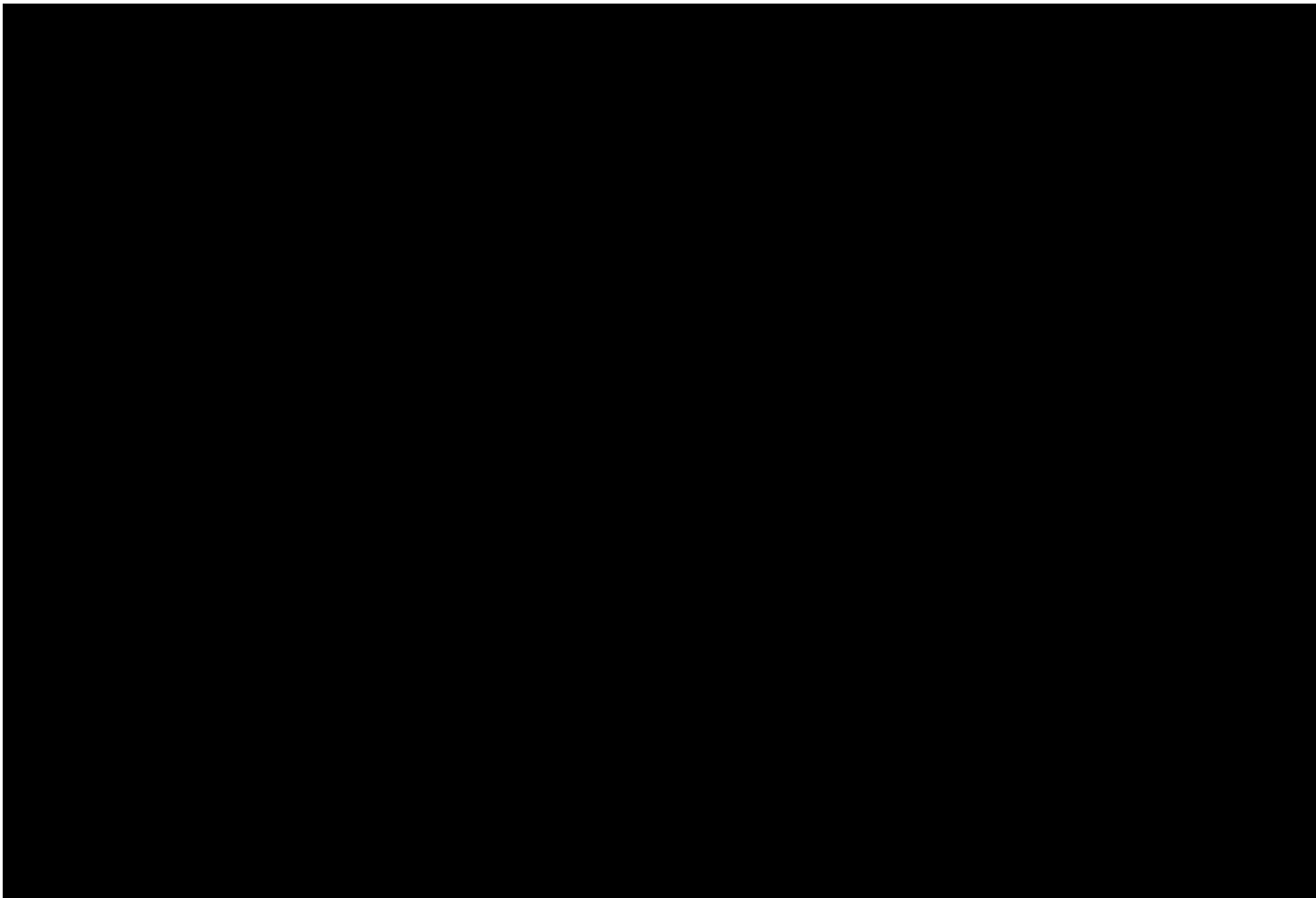
In that regard, I offer the location of the TPC at Craig Ranch, where Brian Loughmiller and I are both members, to provide a meal and a chance for you and Brian to discuss the potential synergies in a relaxed atmosphere. If you have any associates you wish to have join in this meeting...please feel free to invite them as well.

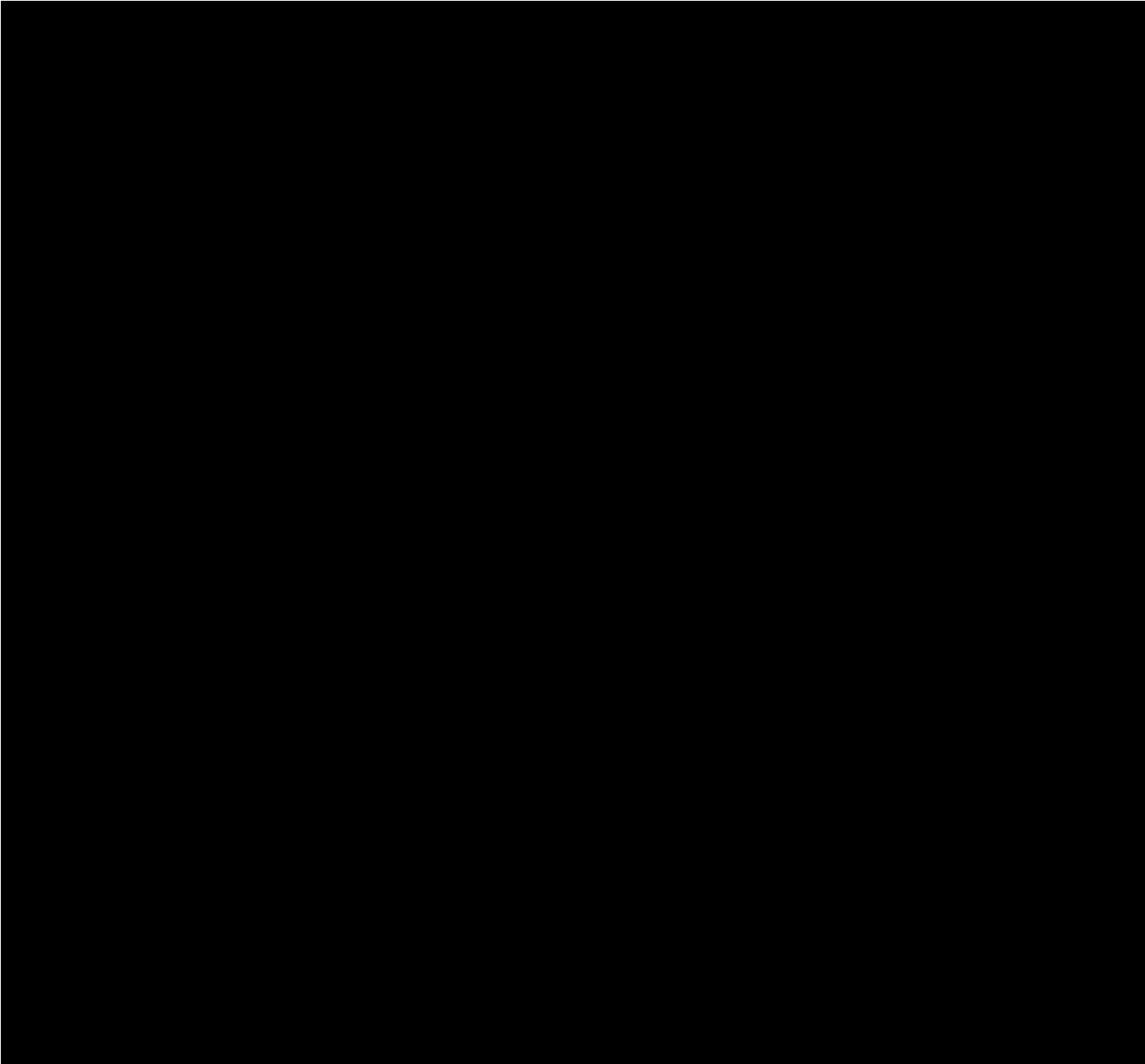
If this is of interest to you and the Confucius Institute...please let my Executive Assistant Sue Baker work with your availabilities and those of Mayor Loughmiller to coordinate a meeting. She will be in contact with you directly.

Thanks in advance for your attention,
Ray
Director in Residence - IECG

Ray Hemmig, Chairman

Buffet Partners
2701 E Plano Pkwy, Suite #200
Plano, Texas 75074





From: Gu, Ming [mailto:mdgu@utdallas.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 6:47 PM
To: mcorbeil@westwoodib.org; jlin@westwoodib.org
Cc: Kratz, Dennis M; Tian, Xiangbin; Yang, Xiaohong
Subject: Good News

To:
Mr.Marc Corbeil
Ms. Lin

Date: August 16, 2011

Dear Mr. Corbeil and Ms. Lin,

Greetings.

As you are busy with preparations for the opening of the fall semester, we are pleased to bring you a piece of exciting news. After our continued negotiations with Hanban, your application for the establishment of a Confucius Classroom at Westwood School has been approved at last. This is something worth celebrating. We'd like to extend to you our warmest congratulations!

We are enclosing a copy of the draft agreement for the Confucius Classroom. Please read it carefully. If it is fine with you, we'll then proceed to schedule a time for signing the agreement at UT Dallas or at your school. After the signing of the agreement, you will be able to apply for start-up fund, books, and equipment for Chinese language and culture instruction as well as volunteer Chinese instructors.

We are thrilled about the news and look forward to working more closely with you in the future.

Best regards,

Ming Dong Gu,
Director
Xiangbin Tian,
Co-director
Confucius Institute at UT Dallas

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Long, Michelle D \(mld@utdallas.edu\)](mailto:mld@utdallas.edu)
Subject: FW: Revenue 2009-2011
Date: Friday, July 8, 2011 3:39:00 PM

Cool!

Confucius Institute raised more than I thought!

The ATEC/EMAC # can stay the same (it is very high!)

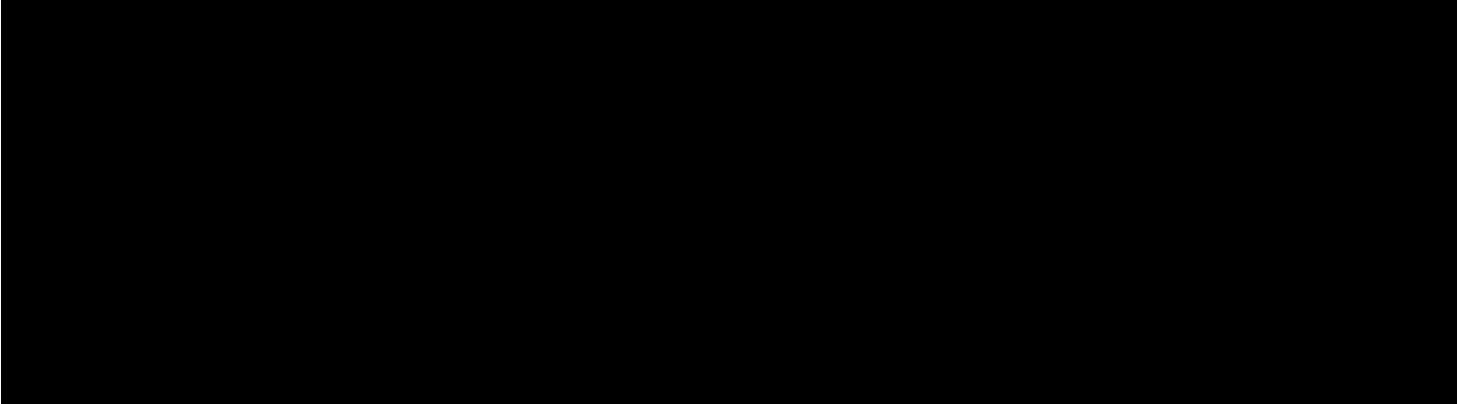
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From: Radnovich, Karen Jill
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 2:28 PM
To: Kratz, Dennis M
Subject: Revenue 2009-2011

Center For Values: \$5M
EMAC: \$224k
Confucius: \$428,175
ATEC/IIAE: \$6M (according to you—checking with Brett)

Working on the rest...

Karen



From: "Yang, Xiaohong" <xxy083000@utdallas.edu>
Date: June 16, 2011 11:39:58 AM CDT
To: "Kratz, Dennis M" <dkratz@utdallas.edu>
Subject: volunteer teachers

Hi Dennis,

Coppell ISD selected 6 teachers from the candidates Prof. Tian provided for 2011-2012 school year. They are:

Chang Zhen: [REDACTED]

He Jing: [REDACTED]

Wang Caixia: [REDACTED]

Li Fengyuan: [REDACTED]

Lin Jie: [REDACTED]

Ma Yu: [REDACTED]

Among them, Ma Yu already got her visa. I didn't know that till I wrote her email for her address to prepare her invitation letter. She told me she got an invitation letter from CI at UTD earlier and already got her visa. Didn't know when and how that happened. Other 5, their invitations are on hold in HR.

Besides Westwood, only Coppell ISD asked for volunteer teachers (it has 4 Confucius Classrooms). The persons who are in charge of the program are: Dr. Michelle Bryson (mbryson@coppellisd.com), Yow-yi Amstutz [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I asked Alan to find the contracts of Confucius Institute and the schools about Confucius Classrooms in Prof. Tian's office and bring them to you for your reference. As I know, like Westwood School, Coppell got everything ready for the teachers to come for the fall semester.

Any problems, please let me know.

Thanks,

Sharon

From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Bond, Peter H](#)
Cc: karen@utdallas.edu
Subject: Insurance for Xujun TIAN
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2010 9:52:00 AM

Dear Pete,

It seems to me a reasonable expense for the Confucius Institute to reimburse the insurance cost for Mr. TIAN, whose driving is directly related to his duties on behalf of the CI.

Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Gu, Ming D](#); [Yang, Xiaohong](#); [Tian, Xiangbin](#)
Cc: [Young, Beth](#)
Subject: Meeting
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 12:38:00 PM

Dear friends,

I would like to meet with you (this week, if possible) to discuss a proposal to expand Asian Studies at UTD in which the Confucius Institute would play an important role.

Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Young, Beth](#)
Subject: Meetings to Schedule
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 8:22:45 AM

Creative Writing (Bondurant, Briante, Reynolds)
Confucius Institute (Yang, Gu, Tian)

From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: [Kang, Olivia](#)
Subject: My Assignments
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:46:44 AM
Attachments: [GU TRIBUTE 5-22 NEWSLETTER.docx](#)
[2022 NEWSLETTER NOTE TO BOARDS.docx](#)

Here are 2. Reading list to follow.Call if you have any questions.

Now I will call IT about the Lecture...

D

From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: tonystewart@tangenergy.com
Subject: My Turn
Date: Thursday, May 5, 2011 4:57:00 PM

Dear Tony,

It is my turn to confess tardiness after misplacing your first message in the electronic wilderness. Abby and I and our colleagues enjoyed (an understatement) the evening as well. I would love to have you more involved with UTD, our Confucius Institute and our new, more ambitious plan to establish a comprehensive Asia Center at UTD. Monique will be the director, and it will be the only Center of its kind in the world to have as a focus the promotion of scientific and technological as well as cultural interaction with Asia.

I'd be happy to take you to lunch sometime to discuss.

Warm regards,
Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: [Kang, Olivia](#); [Gou, Xuehong](#)
Subject: Newsletter
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:46:32 AM
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A draft of my tribute to Dr. Gu.

From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: ebourgeois@ursulinedallas.org; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; wum@hpsid.org; [REDACTED]; williah@npisd.org; mbryson@coppellisd.com; [REDACTED]; arnolde@esdallas.org; williamsf@esdallas.org
Cc: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
Subject: Postponement
Date: Friday, May 13, 2011 9:24:00 AM

Dear Friends,

We are writing with regard to the signing ceremony of the Confucius Classrooms that is scheduled to be held Monday afternoon on the UT Dallas campus. In view of unanticipated scheduling conflicts that will prevent the majority of those invited from attending, we believe it wise to postpone the ceremony. We apologize for any inconvenience but will be in touch soon and will work with you to find a new date to celebrate this important development.

Sincerely yours,

Ming Dong Gu,
Director of the Confucius Institute,
University of Texas at Dallas,

Dennis M. Kratz
Dean, School of Arts and Humanities
Ignacy and Celina Rockover Professor of Humanities
The University of Texas at Dallas

From: [Yunchi He](#)
To: [Gou, Xuehong](#)
Subject: Re: *EXTERNAL SENDER* FW: UTD 2022 Chinese Language and Culture Summer Camp
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 1:19:37 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Thank you Sharon for sharing the information! It has been shared with our Confucius Classrooms and schools.

Hope your summer program do well!

Respectfully

Yunchi He (Helen)

Director of Confucius Classroom Coordination Office(CCCO)

at ILTexas Global

yhe2@iltexasglobal.org

"学而不思则罔，思而不学则殆"- 孔子

"Learning without thought means labor lost; thought without learning is perilous. "- Confucius

From: Yuan, Jessie [mailto:j-yuan1@ti.com]
Sent: 2011年7月28日 9:37
To: Yang, Xiaohong
Subject: 2011 DFW AACC banquet invite

Hi Sharon,

This year, AACC banquet will be held on 9/24 at Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel. First of all, we would like to thank UTD Confucius Institute for your sponsorship to DFW AACC in the last couple of years. On behalf of AACC, I would like to invite UTD Confucius Institute to our event this year and also hope we can have the honor to have your sponsorship again.

See the attached files for our invitation and sponsorship form. Please let me

know if you have any questions.


Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards,

Jessie Yuan

2011 AACC Treasurer

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On May 12, 2011, at 12:23 PM, "Xiangbin Tian"  wrote:

Dear Dean Kratz and Dr Gu,

The plaques of 4 Confucius Classrooms from Hanban have arrived.

Best regards,

TIAN Xiangbin

Tian Xiangbin

Chinese director, Confucius Institute at UT Dallas

Professor of Literature


800 West Campbell Rd., JO31

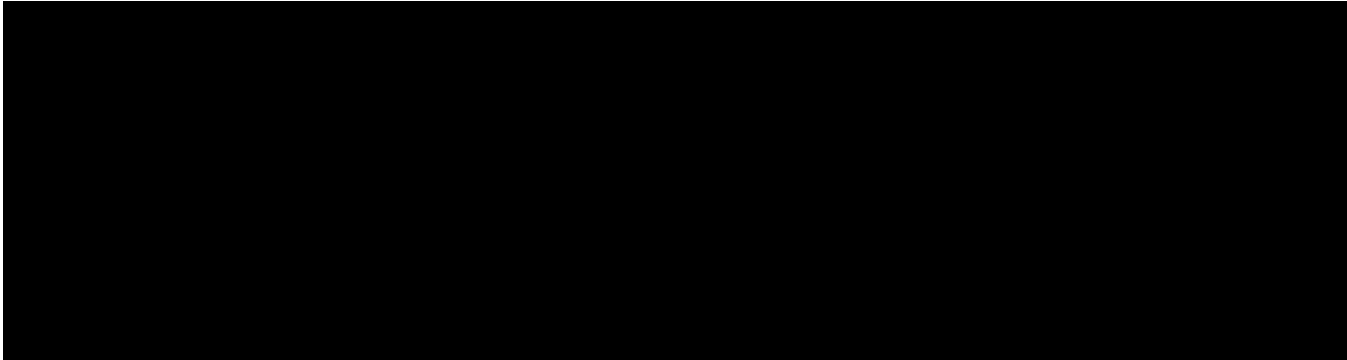
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On May 5, 2011, at 11:27 PM, "Xiangbin Tian"  wrote:

Dear all,

As mentioned in the previous email that only after signing the contract could we start the application of the start-up fund and the 1000 volumes of books and other equipment. We have planned to have a group signing ceremony at UT Dallas for four new Confucius Classrooms.

We checked our calendar and find out that May 16th is open for us and we want to see if it is good for you. Please let us know if it works for you. If yes, we then come to the details. If not, we have to find out a date that is good for both.

If there is any question, please do not hesitate to let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

Tian Xiangbin

Chinese director, Confucius Institute at UT Dallas

Professor of Literature

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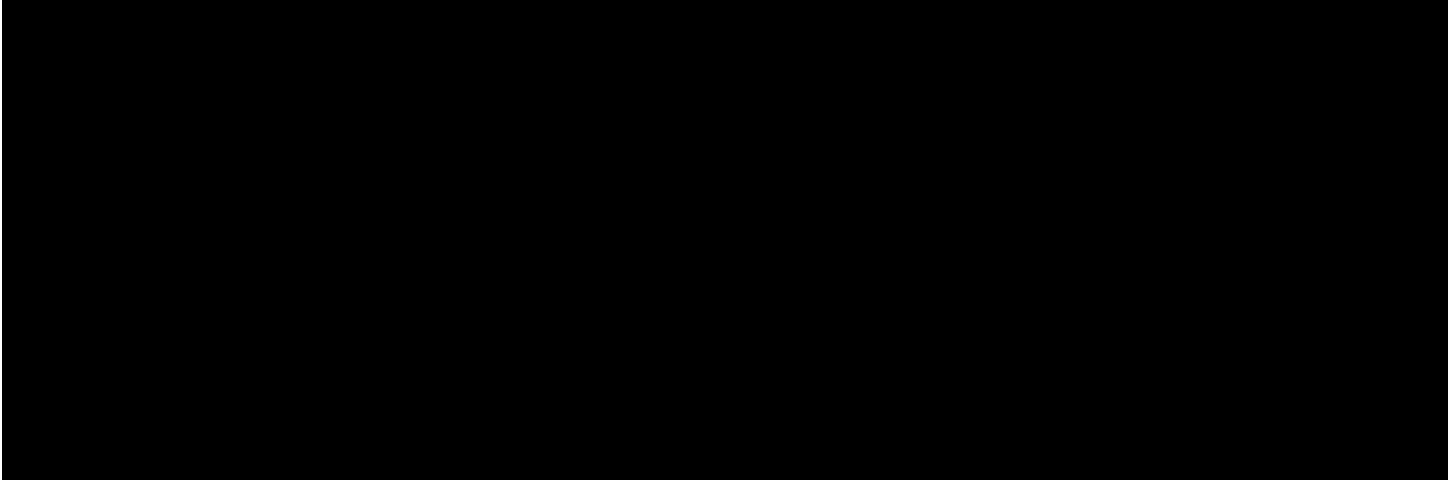
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From: Gou, Xuehong <Xuehong.Gou@UTDallas.edu>

Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 at 9:13 AM

To: Kratz, Dennis <dkratz@utdallas.edu>, Kang, Olivia <Olivia.Kang@UTDallas.edu>

Subject: CAS Staff Meeting

Good morning Dennis and Olivia,

For our staff meeting tomorrow. In addition to the Newsletter, may I suggest that we go over the following items?

1. BNU Extended Summer Program – Housing options and budget revisions
2. Kungfu Panda Summer Camp – Camp dates: Should we consider moving the current dates to the last three week of July? Is the first week of August a viable option?
3. Language courses – Could we reach out to UTD language instructors and give them the first opportunity to teach our courses? Issues encountered with the Korean instructor and Hindi Instructor – Zoom accounts.
4. BNU fall degree program – When should we finalize the course content?
5. 2022 Lunar New Year (Feb. 1) Celebration – Should we do it? when and where? Programs: Daniel Chen and Hua Yun performance and performances by the Confucius Classroom students from International Leadership of Texas? ILTexas wants to know if we are interested in collaborating with them to host the Chinese New Year celebration.

Thanks!

Sharon




On Apr 8, 2011, at 2:16 PM, "Gu, Ming D" <mdg073000@utdallas.edu> wrote:

This brings up a problem. Hanban's form specifically requires the budget to be signed by the US director, Chinese co-director, and the chair of the executive board who is currently Dennis. It did not ask OSP (By the way, what does abbreviation stand for?) to sign. So, their regulations conflict with UTD regulation. We need to find a way to resolve this conflict of rules and take the right way to do it.

Best,

Ming Dong





From: Gu, Ming D
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 2:02 PM
To: Lipple, Jerrie R
Cc: TianXiangbin [REDACTED] Yang, Xiaohong
Subject: RE: CI proposals

Jerrie,

I made inquiry into the budget of last year. Hanban normally only wants us to present a Chinese version of the budget. So, we did not prepare an English version, which takes an enormous amount of time and efforts. When you asked for an English version, we asked the Chinese instructor to translate it in haste. It may not be accurately translated. In the Chinese version presented to Hanban, it is signed by Dennis, Tian and me. We have kept an e-copy of the Chinese version. Do you think we need to prepare an English version for this year?

Ming Dong



From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Myron Salamon](#)
Subject: RE: Clark Lecture
Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:46:00 PM

Sorry about ATEC. Let's try the Confucius Institute. Remind me of the date.

Best,
Dennis

Dennis M. Kratz
Dean, School of Arts and Humanities

-----Original Message-----

From: Myron Salamon [<mailto:salamon@utdallas.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:44 PM
To: Kratz, Dennis M
Cc: Willis, Diana M
Subject: Clark Lecture

Dear Dennis,

For the past several years, ATEC (motion capture) has been a mainstay of high-school tours associated with the annual Clark Lecture. This year, we have just learned that ATEC will not be able to participate. Is there any possibility that other labs/facilities in A&H might be able to fill the gap? Something from Emerging Media? Confucius Center?

Thanks for your help.

Myron

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Myron Salamon, Dean
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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Fischer, Robert A](#)
Cc: [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: RE: Confucius Institute
Date: Friday, August 26, 2011 1:21:00 PM

Dear Bob,

I am copying Ms. Sharon Yang, Asst. Director of our Confucius Institute, who will be able and happy to assist you. I will also be happy to provide whatever information and help that I can.

Best,
Dennis

Dennis M. Kratz
Dean, School of Arts and Humanities

-----Original Message-----

From: Fischer, Robert A [<mailto:RFischer@txstate.edu>]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 11:41 AM
To: Kratz, Dennis M
Subject: Confucius Institute

Good morning Dr. Kratz,

I explored the possibility of applying for a Confucius Institute several years ago, and my university has recently expressed renewed interest in applying for one. It would be helpful to know what other institutions are doing if for no other reason than to avoid duplication of effort.

Could you direct me to the person who has responsibility for or perhaps who is knowledgeable about the Confucius Institute at UT Dallas? Please free to forward this message to that individual. I would like to talk with him or her about the Confucius Institute at your institution.

Bob Fischer

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From: Kratz, Dennis M
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 3:02 PM
To: Gu, Ming D; Peterson, Rosie
Cc: Xujun, Tian; TianXiangbin [REDACTED] Yang, Xiaohong; Lipple, Jerrie R
Subject: RE: Diversity Gala and Scholarship Fundraiser Registration

Dear Rosie,

I just spoke with Prof. Gu and we have agreed to jointly sponsor a table: \$500 from A&H and \$250 from the Confucius Institute,

At the table so far are

- Dr. Dennis Kratz
- Dr. Abby Kratz
- Dr. Venus Opal Reese
- Dr. Kenneth Pugh (Callier Center)
- Dr. Peter Park
- + 5 to be named

Dennis M. Kratz
Dean, School of Arts and Humanities

From: Gu, Ming D
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 2:48 PM
To: Peterson, Rosie

Cc: Kratz, Dennis M; Xujun, Tian; TianXiangbin [REDACTED]; Yang, Xiaohong
Subject: RE: Diversity Gala and Scholarship Fundraiser Registration

Dear Rosie,

Thanks for your message. Although I will be attending a conference in San Francisco, the Confucius Institute would like to sponsor a table (\$750). My colleague, Mr. Xujun Tian will be the person to process payment. I am copying this message to him. Please contact him directly for the transfer of payment and for the number of people on our side to attend the event.
Best,

Ming Dong Gu
Ph.D. (University of Chicago)
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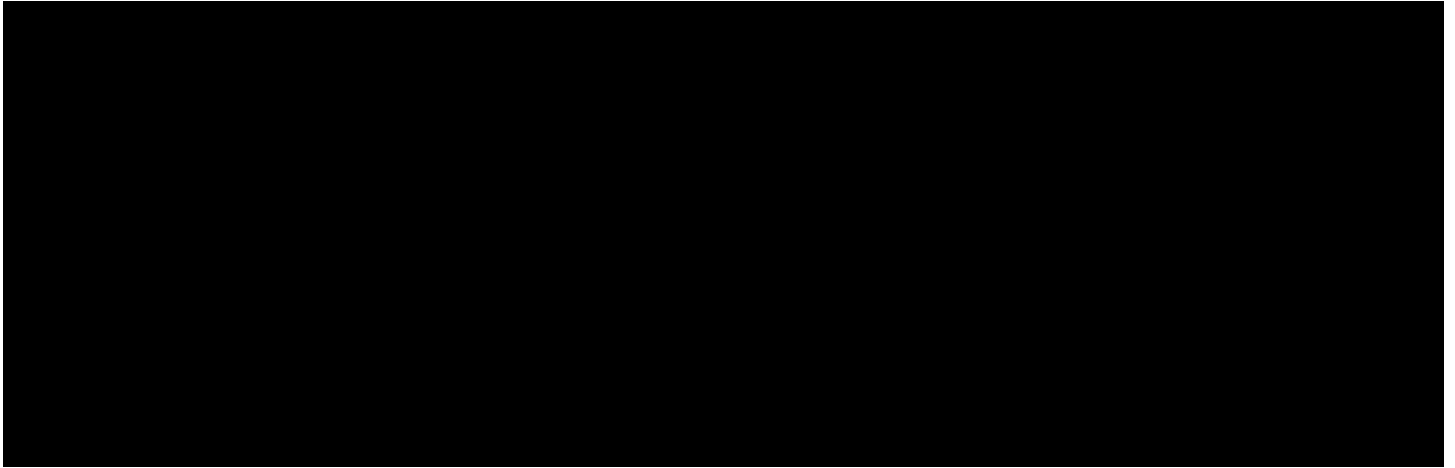


From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Wildenthal, Bryan H](#)
Subject: Re: enjoy
Date: Friday, December 10, 2010 9:52:19 PM

Good morning,

I checked with the committee and there is no interest in any early terminations. The one person causing some dismay received a positive (early, since he came with experience) 3rd review other than fact he is socially inept. I return Monday and will try to find you for brief meeting on Tuesday once I recover from exhausting schedule here of intimate banquets for 3000, performances and panel discussions (there has to be a down side). Actually had a promising meeting this morning with Hanban officials about adapting our "cultural trainer" expertise to Chinese language/culture education.

Best,
Dennis



From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: ["eugene.shen@dallascityhall.com"](mailto:eugene.shen@dallascityhall.com)
Cc: [Young, Beth](#)
Subject: Re: facility and cooperation
Date: Friday, December 10, 2010 3:40:41 PM


Dear Eugene,

How good to hear from you! I am replying from Beijing, where I am attending the annual conference of Confucius Institutes. I look forward to meeting with you and Fenia soon to discuss the concert (perhaps it could be part of our arts season in the fall and co-sponsored by the Confucius Institute) and collaboration with Chinese universities - and of course to get to know one another better. Please consider this an invitation to visit with me at UT Dallas and be my guests for lunch. I will be in touch when I return to Dallas next week.

All best wishes,

Dennis



From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Gu, Ming D](#)
Cc:  [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: Re: Festival of Chinese Visual Culture and Performing Arts
Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011 6:32:19 PM

On Mar 1, 2011, at 1:39 PM, "Gu, Ming D" <mdg073000@utdallas.edu> wrote:

Dennis,

Sharon already contacted Houston Consulate and they say they are unable to help us with inviting Su Tong, or other famous Chinese writer to come. After much thinking, I have had a fantastic idea with the help of Prof. Tom Ricci. He has been working with a Chinese performing artist, free-lance writer, award winning film and TV script writer and director for over 10 years, Mr. Peng Jingquan. What is so good about this is that the guy can speak English and has performed in the US several times. I only have his Chinese CV. I'll tell you about his detailed information. I have worked out a fairly large-scale project, tentatively titled: **Festival of Chinese Visual Culture and Performing Arts**. We will include it in the work plan to be submitted to Hanban and ask for more funding.

Please look at the following project description and give us your two cents.

Best.

Ming Dong

3.2 Festival of Chinese Visual Culture and Performing Arts

中国视觉文化与表演艺术节

Project Description项目内容与目标:

In the fall semester of 2011, the Confucius Institute will collaborate with the Center for Translation Studies, the programs of Aesthetic Studies, and the Art Center of Central Track to hold a Festival of Chinese Visual Culture and Performing Arts. The festival will have multiple events including:

1. A lecture on “Braving Commercialization by Chinese Cinema and TV” by Peng Jingquan 彭景泉, a renowned Chinese performing artist, free-lance writer, award-winning script writer and film and TV director;
2. Mr. Peng will work with Prof. Thomas Ricci to perform a pantomime “Tables and Chairs,” 桌子椅子 which has a theme on the significance of cultural exchanges and mutual understanding in the world;
3. Mr. Peng will coach UT Dallas performing students to stage “Sleeping with Strangers” 和陌生人睡觉, an opera with a theme of internationalization. After the students learn the opera, it will be performed first on campus, then in Downtown Dallas, and then tour various schools and places in the Greater Dallas area;
4. Show one of Mr. Peng’s films, *Remembrance of the Gathering Place of Beauties* 美人窝的往事, which won the best film award in Fusan Film Festival in South Korea; Mr. Peng will give a presentation on how the film was conceived and produced before the whos.
5. Translate one of Mr. Peng’s film “Water Phoenix” 水凤凰, an award-winning film on the moving story of a dedicated village teacher, into English and produce a copy with English subtitles for public release.

Project Manager: Ming Dong Gu

Time for Implementation: September – November 2011

项目实施时间：2011年9-11月

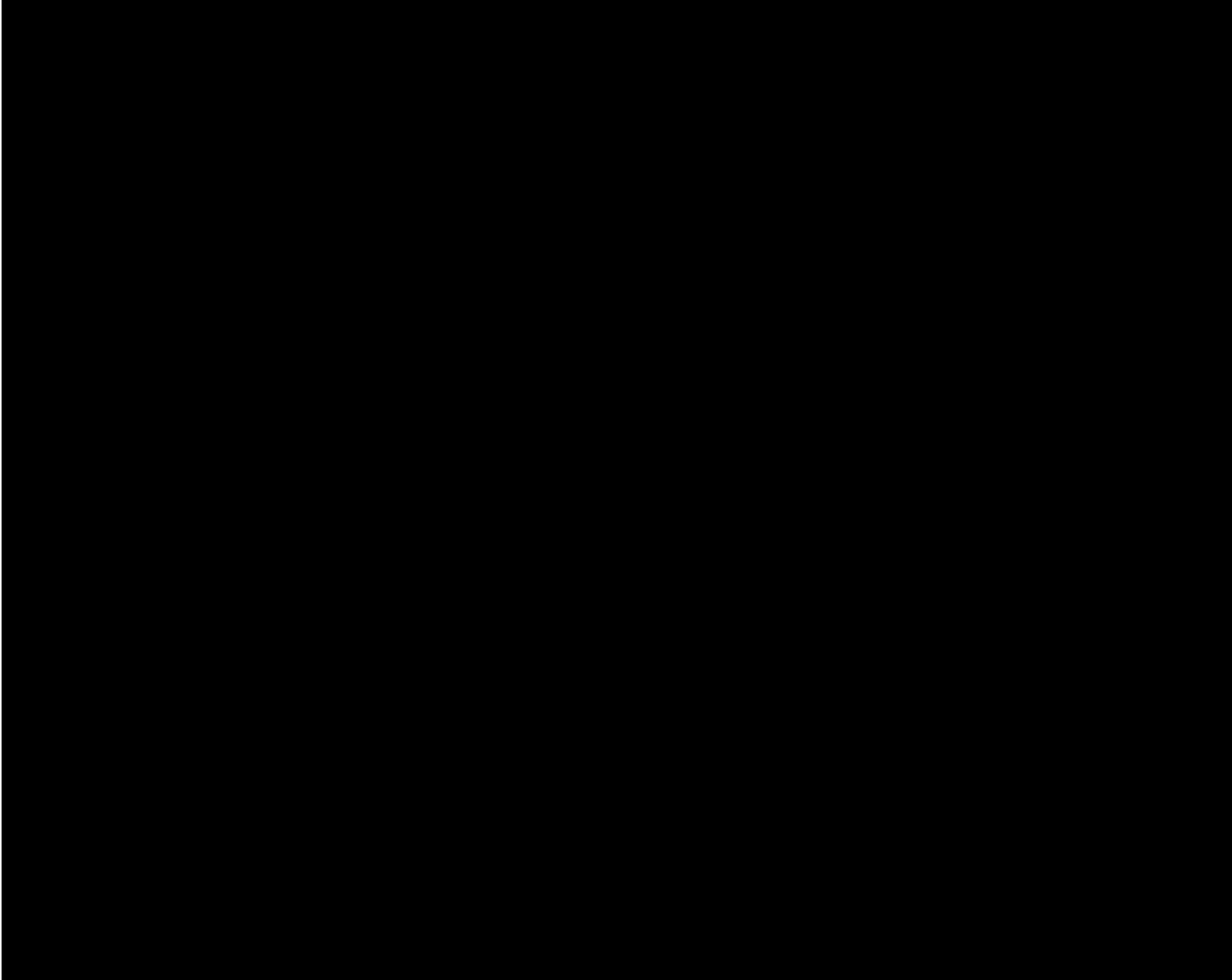
项目负责人：顾明东院长

From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: [Kang, Olivia](#); [Gou, Xuehong](#)
Subject: Re: Friday
Date: Friday, March 18, 2022 12:34:07 PM

I would say the only slides we can use are the population slide and “origin” slides Confucius Institute & “announcement.

Thanks for finding!

Dennis



From: Kratz, Dennis <dkratz@utdallas.edu>
Date: Friday, March 18, 2022 at 9:45 AM
To: Gou, Xuehong <Xuehong.Gou@UTDallas.edu>, Kang, Olivia <Olivia.Kang@UTDallas.edu>

Subject: Friday

Good morning,

Sharon,

I will defer to your opinion whether to begin Tuesday evening's discussion with a brief PP presentation. If we do, I think we should include a slide with information about the demographic of UTD. Was that on the presentation I gave to the Research group?

Thanks to both for fine work on the "Special Announcement."

I sent this brief message to Mr. Baecher:

The University of Texas at Dallas permanently closed its Confucius Institute in August 2019. The Center for Asian Studies (CAS) is not affiliated with the Confucius Institutes program. You can find more information about the Center's mission and programs on our web site:


[Center for Asian Studies - The University of Texas at Dallas](https://asianstudies.utdallas.edu)
<https://asianstudies.utdallas.edu>

As Director of the CAS, I will be pleased to reply to any questions that you have.

Sincerely,
Dennis Kratz

At home working if you need me.

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From: MORGAN, LISA K
To: Kratz, Dennis M
Sent: Wed Jan 19 16:01:32 2011
Subject: GDAACC Inauguration Luncheon

Hi Dennis,
SOM is a bronze sponsor for the Asian American Chamber's upcoming annual meeting and luncheon. Kathryn McNeill and Anne Beard were discussing what companies/individuals might be interested in attending and thought we might have some suggestions because of our work with the Confucius Institute. The luncheon is around the corner – Jan 28th .
Please let me know as soon as possible.

Thanks!
Lisa

Lisa Kramer Morgan | Director of Development and Alumni Relations

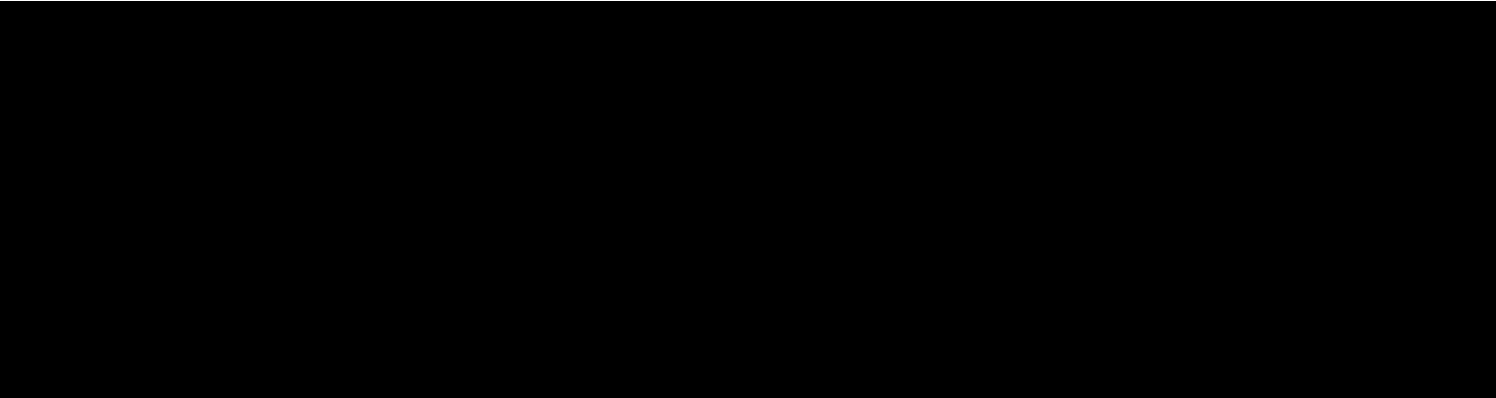
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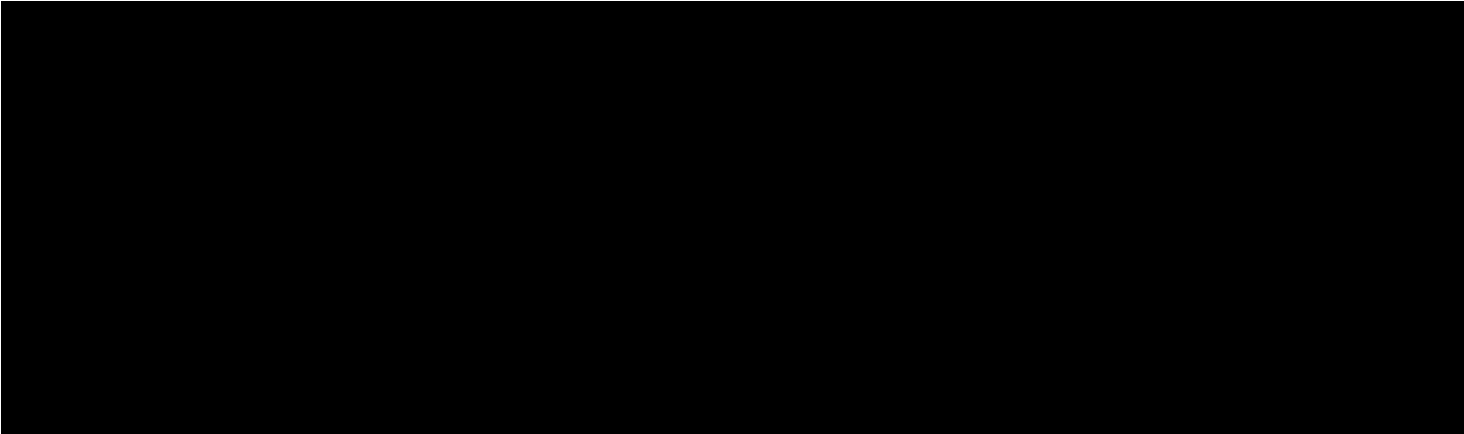
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From: Radnovich, Karen J
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 4:24 PM
To: Kratz, Dennis M
Cc: Lipple, Jerrie R
Subject: FW: Jonathan Spence

Dennis,
Can you tell me how Jonathan Spence's expenses should be billed? Dr. Gu is not clear on your agreement.
We've already billed his airfare to the Confucius Institute.
He mentioned a professional fee of \$4000. How should it be split between CI and C4V?
I'm assuming the hotel and other incidentals should be covered by CI.

Thanks!
Karen



From: Radnovich, Karen J
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 3:31 PM
To: Gu, Ming D
Subject: RE: Jonathan Spence

When you say Dennis promised this, does that mean it's all coming out of the Confucius account?

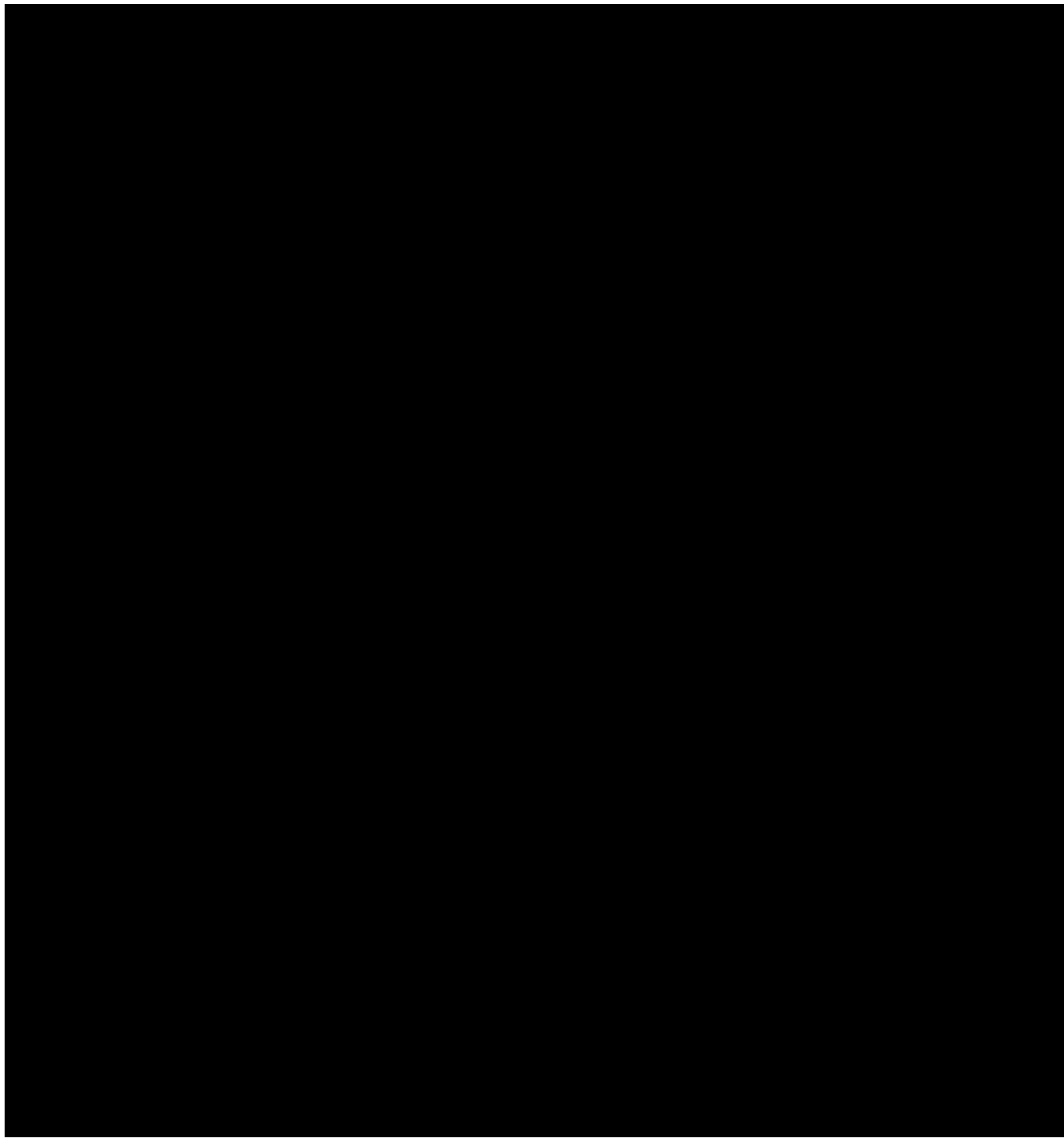
Thanks,
Karen

From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: [David Bruce Jones](#)
Subject: Re: Meet
Date: Monday, April 4, 2022 2:35:15 PM

Great. I am free Wednesday noon-4 and Thursday pretty much whenever you like. We will arrange a "purple" (in close) parking space for you.

Re Hua Yun Orchestra: Completely unaware of the politics. They performed several times for the Confucius Institute. Another reason to listen to more knowledgeable friends!

Look forward to meeting with soon,
Dennis



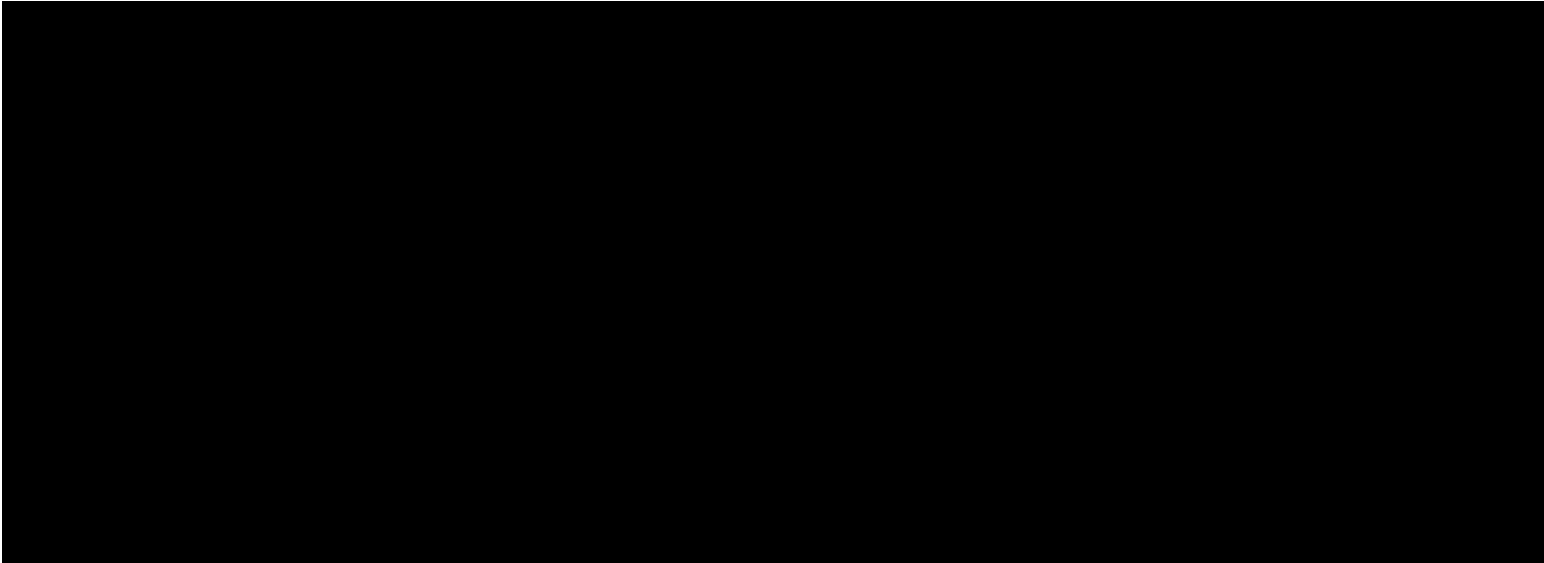
From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Gu, Ming D](#); [Tian, Xiangbin](#); [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 4:33:00 PM

Dear Friends,

The meeting will concern the allocation of space in the new Confucius Institute office complex. Please do not assign any spaces until we can meet.

Best,
Dennis

Dennis M. Kratz
Dean, School of Arts and Humanities



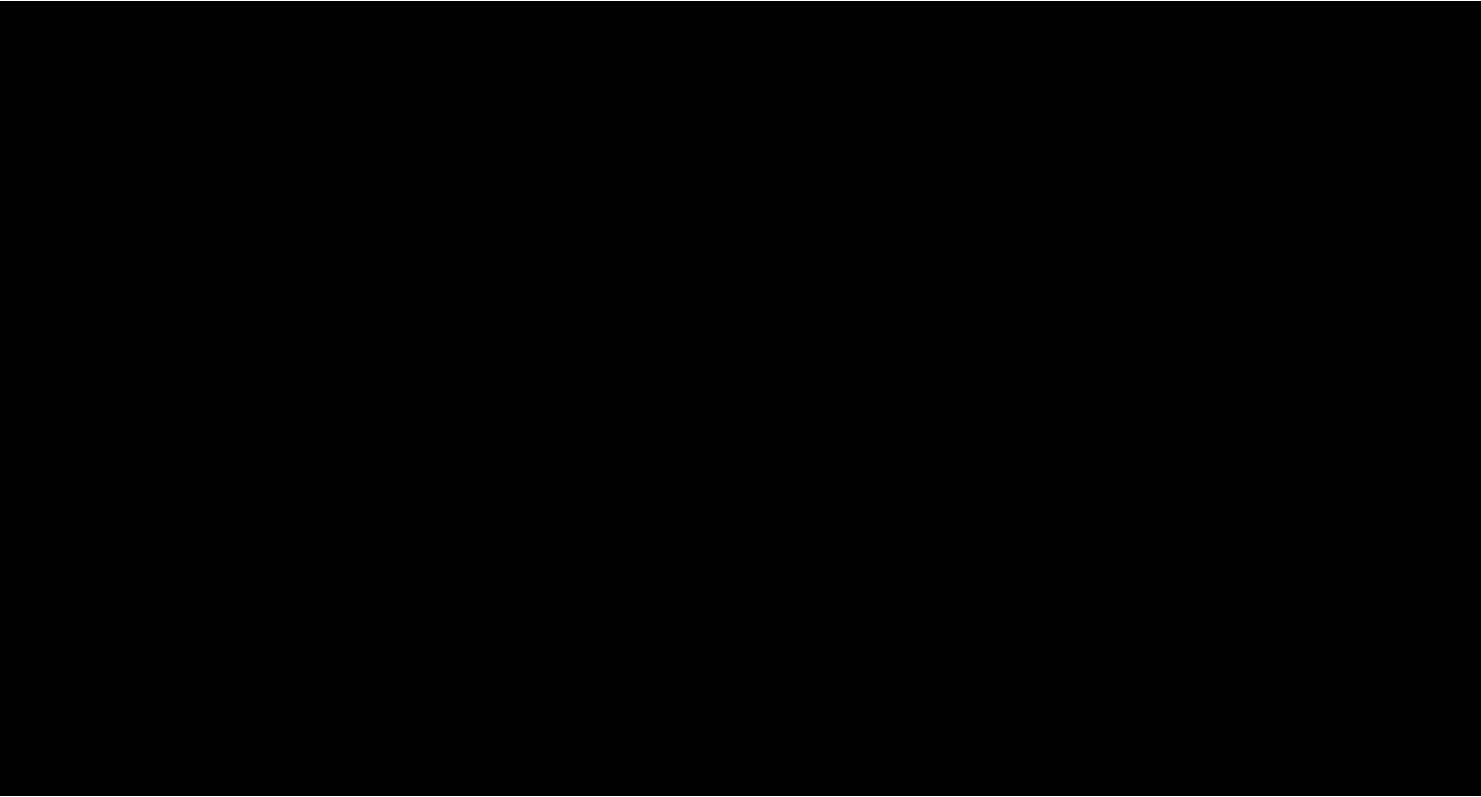
From: Gu, Ming D
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 3:24 PM
To: Kratz, Dennis M
Cc: Tian, Xiangbin; Yang, Xiaohong
Subject: New Confucius Classrooms Signing
Importance: High

Dennis,

Four newly applied Confucius Classrooms in local schools have been approved by Hanban. In order to ensure that they receive funding and support in time, we need to sign the agreement with each of them as soon as possible. Both Prof. Tian Xiangbin and I have booked air tickets to China around May 20. So, the signing ceremony needs to take place before May 18th. For the signing ceremony, there are two options. 1. All the four Confucius Classrooms come to UTD at a designated day and sign together; 2. We go to each of the schools to sign separately. Which option do you prefer? Please let us know as soon as possible. We'll make arrangements accordingly.

Best

Ming Dong



From: Kratz, Dennis M
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2010 11:57 AM
To: Lane, Shelley D; Wilson, Michael L
Subject: News

I have revised the “austerity” memo and will send it later today.

I met with the Provost and received mostly positive news. Shelley, inform Sheila that he has approved our decision about CLEP. The Holocaust Center will be ready by the end of December. The Confucius Institute will move on November 15. We will take control of the west side of JO 3; space on east side also likely. I raised with Andrea et al. (since I saw them on my mwa to my office) the possibility of creating an “advising complex” that would include computers etc. He is adamant about the MWF schedule (it wasn’t all roses). Other topics during our conversation. I will likely be away Monday but in office early Tuesday. Have a good weekend.

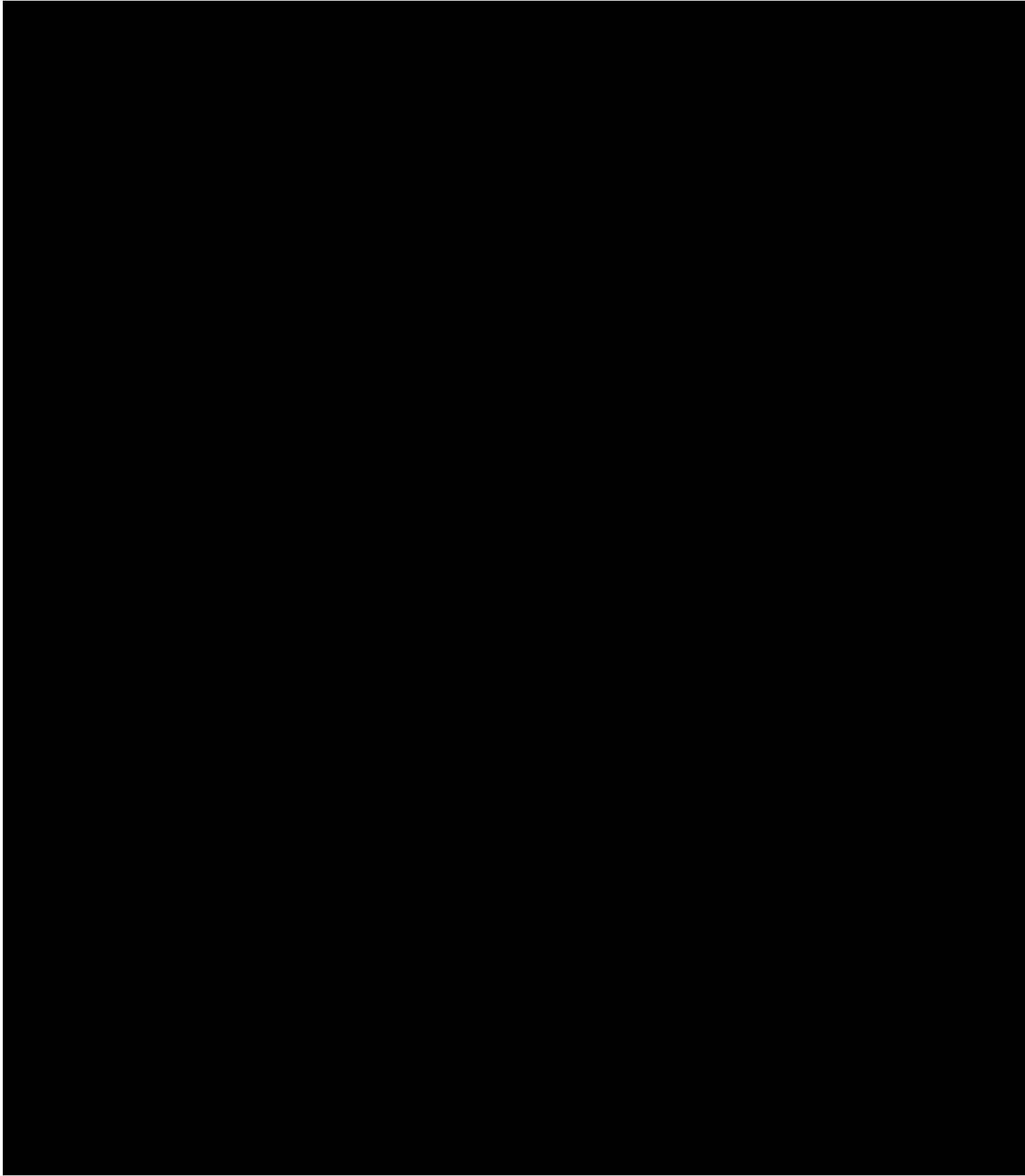
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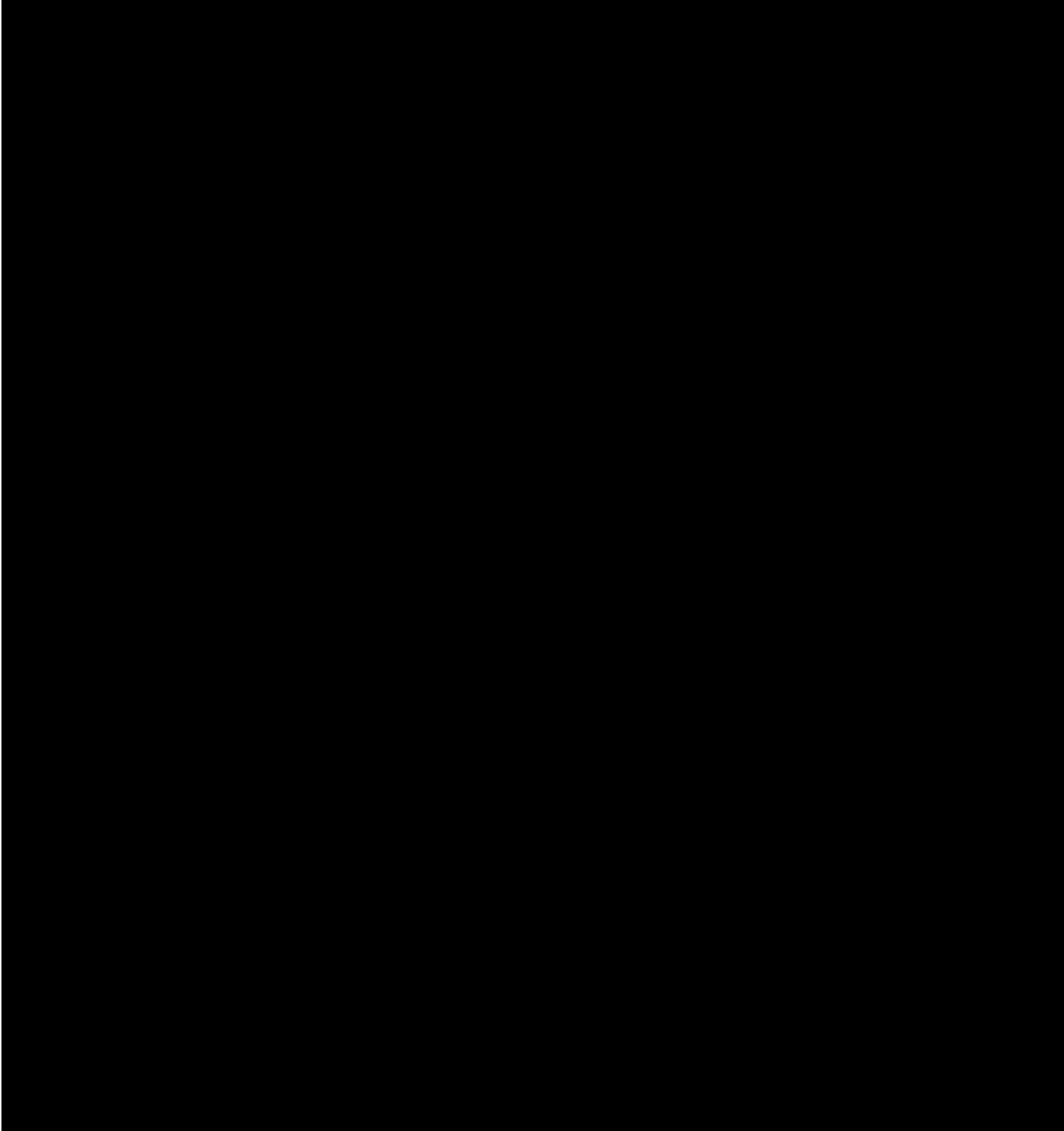
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From: [sharon yang](#)
To: [Gou, Xuehong](#)
Subject: RE: Panda camp
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:15:18 PM
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One more I think it's pretty good: the Troupe performed in one of our Confucius Classrooms.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows





On Mar 12, 2022, at 4:45 PM, Roemer, Nils <nroemer@utdallas.edu> wrote:

Hi Dennis,

I am trying to run a bigger summer camp (Rainbow days). Do you have any details of how Confucius institute organized panda camp? I am trying to locate several adjacent rooms to have a safe environment.

Take care,
Nils

Nils Roemer

Interim Dean of the School of the Arts and Humanities and the
School of Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication (ATEC)
Director of the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies
Rabin Professor of Holocaust Studies

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From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: [Gou, Xuehong](#)
Cc: [Kang, Olivia](#)
Subject: Re: PPT for meeting with BNU
Date: Monday, March 28, 2022 4:44:04 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Sharon,

In advance of tomorrow's Staff Meeting (devoted primarily and maybe exclusively to BNU program and PP):

I might want to restructure - but will take your advice on order that will best meet the expectations of BNU participants.

After title slide, start with slide of BNU "performance" on ATEC Stage

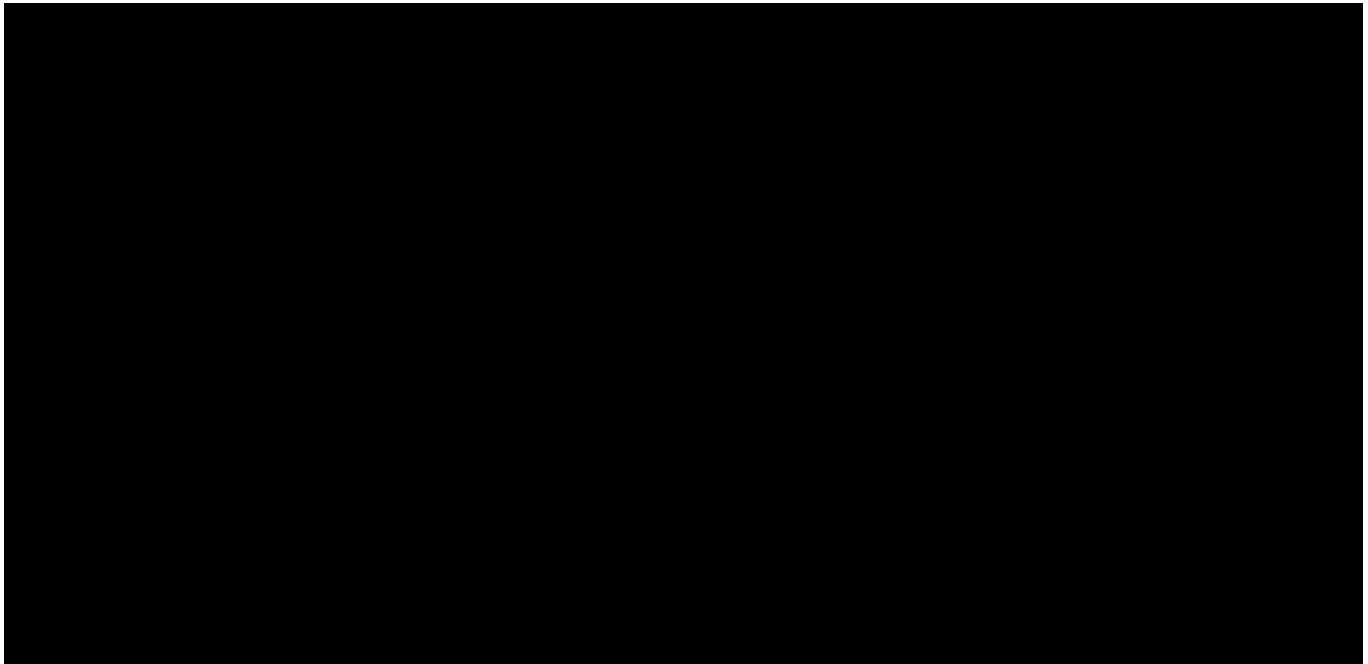
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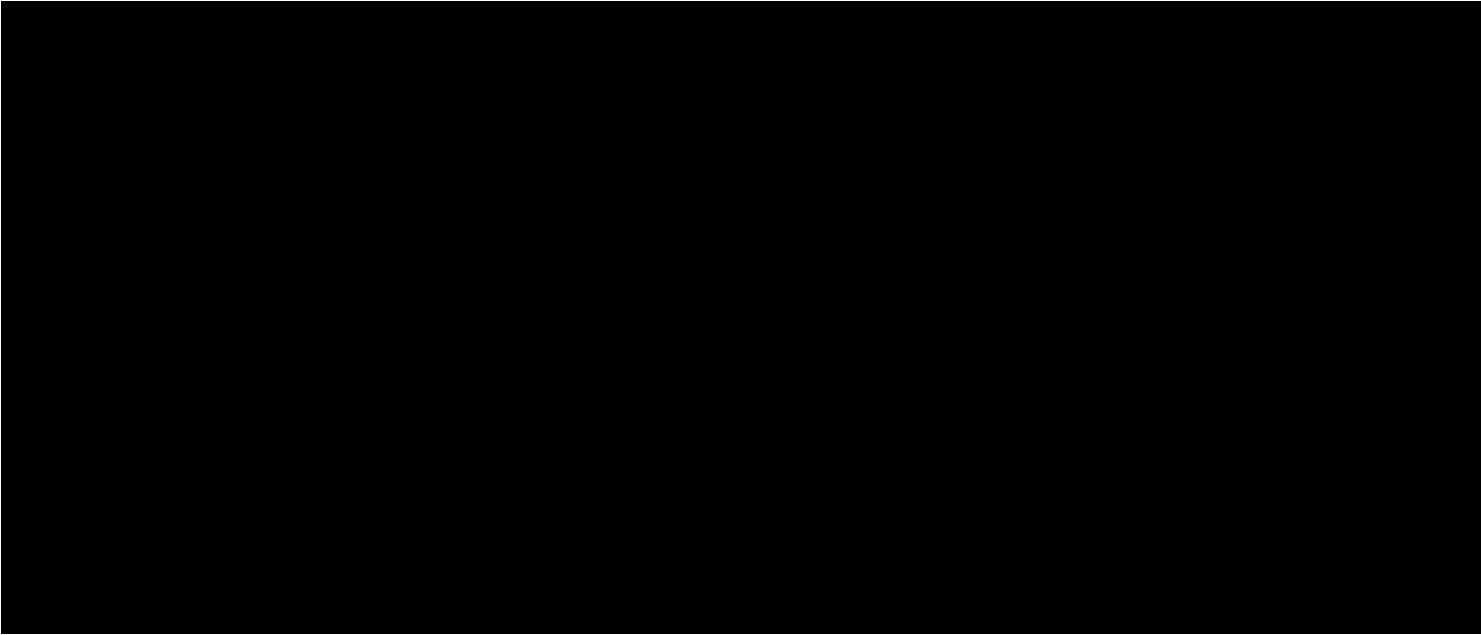
Then slides pertaining to the MA proposal

- On current slide # 1: Change CST to CDT
- On #12: Distribution Requirements
"9 semester credit hours from **among** HUMS, PHIL, LIT &/or VPAS"

The level of detail in current slides 2-3 concerns me. Let's discuss - e.g. certification for high school instruction is a separate issue, and I am pretty sure is not one of the certifications UTD is authorized to give.

See you tomorrow!
Dennis



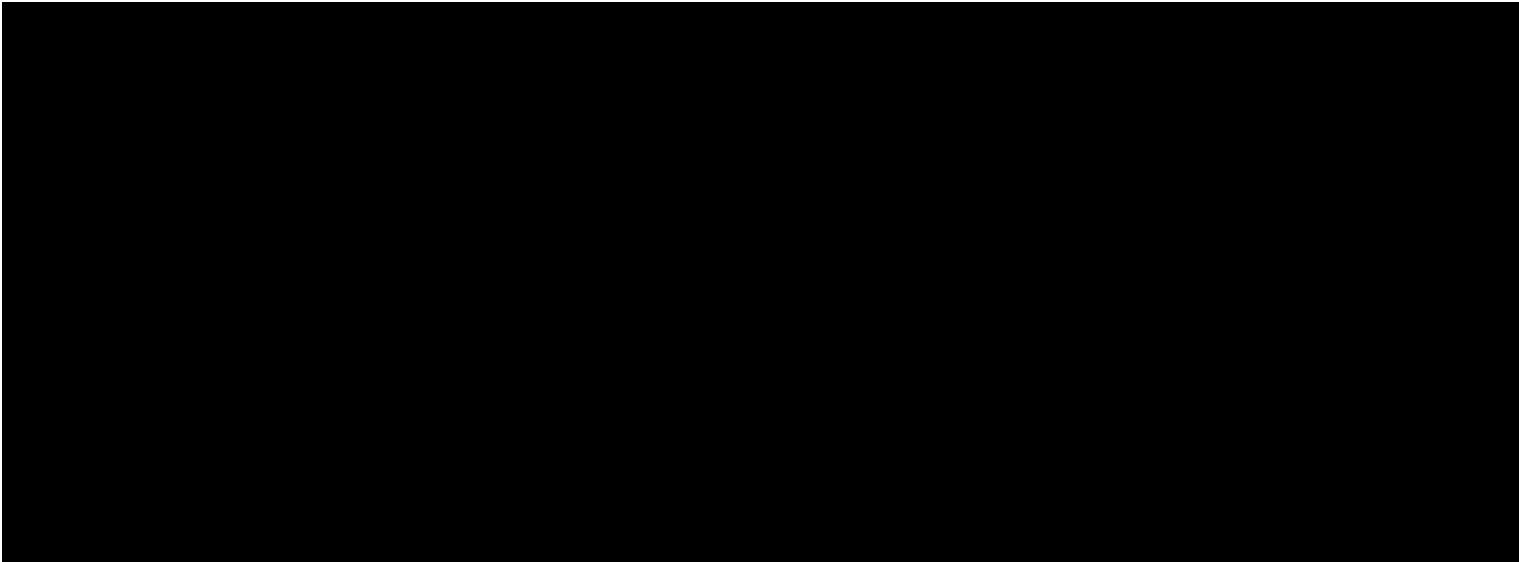


From: Radnovich, Karen J
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2010 2:47 PM
To: Kratz, Dennis M
Subject: FW: Reimburse for Insurance?

Dennis,

Xujun Tian came to me about reimbursing him for car insurance since his car is the primary transportation for the Confucius Institute guests. He said that you and Dr. Gu have discussed this and see it as a relevant expense. Pete Bond wants you to write something as part of the reimbursement request. Would you mind looking over the email below and either responding with your approval or typing a memo?

Thank you!
Karen



print something out showing the automatic drafts. Will any of these documents or a combination thereof help?

Thanks!

KAREN RADNOVICH | *ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER*
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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: RE: reminder of speech tomorrow morning
Date: Friday, August 26, 2011 4:27:00 PM

I will speak just 2-3 minutes to welcome everyone and say good things about Confucius Institute! Then I will plan to meet folks at Mi Cocina – right?

Dennis

Dennis M. Kratz
Dean, School of Arts and Humanities



From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Dennis Muizers](#)
Subject: RE: Speaking Invitation
Date: Friday, January 28, 2011 5:10:00 PM

Dear Dennis,

Thanks for your gracious message! I would be pleased to speak at the meeting – unfortunately, that evening I am hosting a major event at UTD sponsored by my Confucius Institute (a lecture by Prof. Jonathan Spence of Yale). It's the only Wednesday in April that I am booked!

I was very impressed by Lovejoy and hope to continue an association with you.

Dennis M. Kratz
Dean, School of Arts and Humanities



From: TianXiangbin [REDACTED] >
To: Kratz, Dennis M
Sent: Wed Nov 24 12:28:39 2010
Subject: take a photo

Dear Dennis,

May I come to your office to take a photo of your Prize Plate awarded by Asian Association? Hanban need it.
Thank you.

I am looking forward to hearing you
Tian Xiangbin

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Guohua Yan](#)
Subject: RE: Thank you for the help
Date: Monday, October 25, 2010 9:20:00 AM

The pleasure was mine! I hope it was just the first of many extended conversations about curiosity, learning, education and more. The Confucius Institute is an initiative of extraordinary importance not only to our university but also to me personally. Learning about China is enhancing my understanding (while inciting my curiosity) about many subjects that I have spent my life studying, especially the process of cultural transformation. Please let me know when you are next in Dallas. I will stay in touch.

Warm regards,
Dennis

From: Guohua Yan [mailto:]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2010 6:14 PM
To: Kratz, Dennis M
Subject: Thank you for the help

Dear Dennis,

It was so nice to see you again in Dallas. I want to thank you for your time and your great support for the Confucius Institute in UT Dallas, and your great help for setting up the Confucius Classes. This is the very first Confucius Classes we have ever had in the State of Texas. I also enjoyed our talk very much, I hope we could find the time to continue our discussion on the interesting topic of "Couriosity". I would love to be your first reader once your book is out. If there is anything that I can do for you, please let me know. Do keep in touch and with best wishes.

--

Yan Guohua PhD
Consel and Director
Education Office
Chinese Consulate General in Houston

From: Janet.Vance@cor.gov [mailto:Janet.Vance@cor.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 3:55 PM
To: Kratz, Dennis M
Subject: UTDallas @ the Library

Dear Dr. Kratz,

I just wanted to thank you again for sending Dr. Luis Martin to us for lecture series in the spring and last fall. Our patrons are still excited about those lectures and asking about the possibility for another lecture series from UT Dallas. Is there any chance of luring another UT Dallas professor or group of professors for another series or mini series on a humanities topic? I know that our folks would be interested in history topics, philosophy topics or a broad topic that cuts across many disciplines. Several patrons have expressed interest in the Confucius Institute and the Center for Values in Medicine, Science and Technology. I would be very interested in learning from these Centers as well. I briefly met Dr. Brown and Dr. Grohman when they were at the Library attending Luis Martin's lectures and we spoke briefly about organizing a future series with several professors approaching a broad topic from different perspectives. I would still love for the Library to be able to offer something like this.

Let me know if there is someone else who I should approach at UT Dallas to explore another educational opportunity for Library patrons (We call it UT Dallas @ the Library).

All the best,

Janet Vance

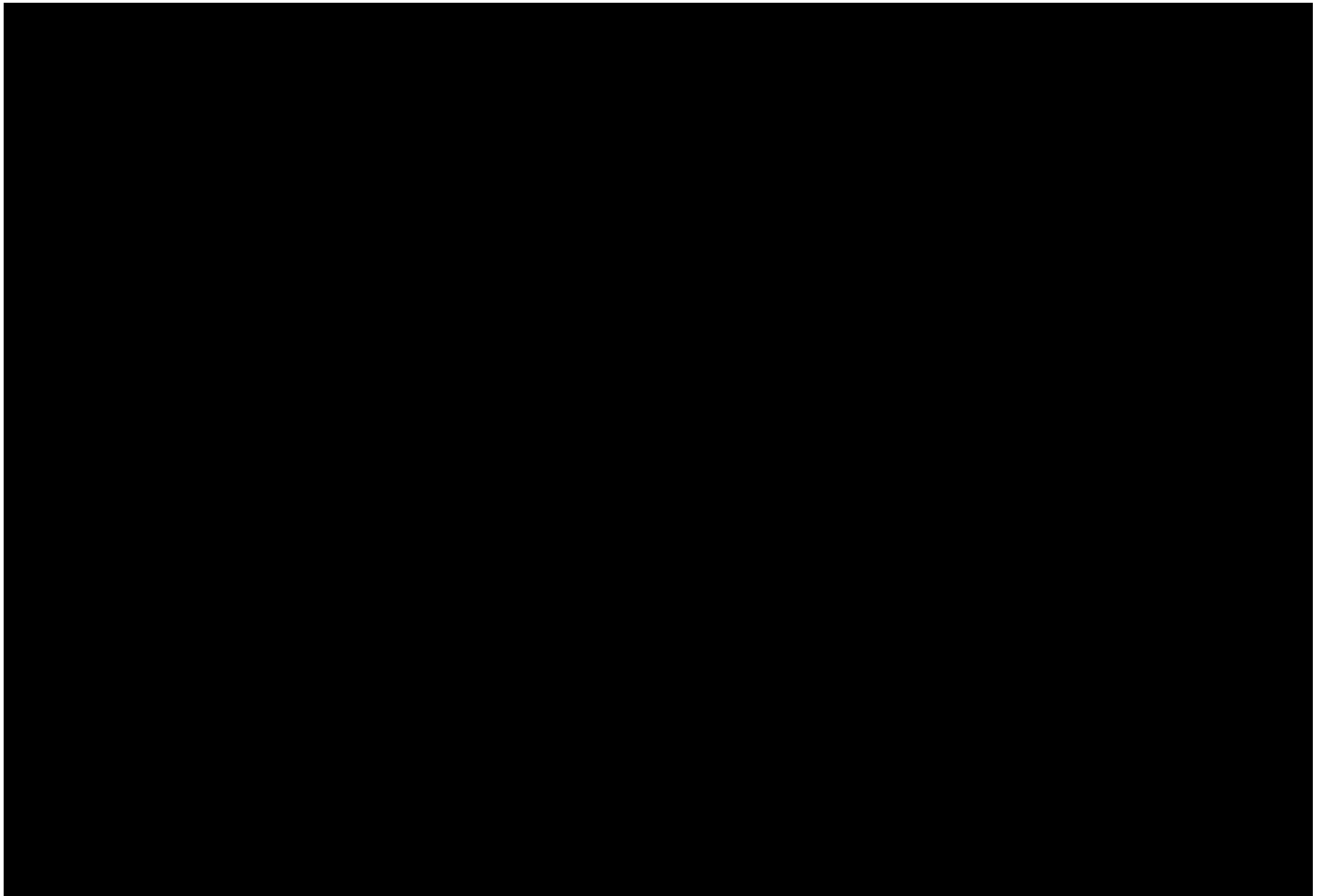
Janet Vance
Community Services Supervisor
Richardson Public Library
900 Civic Center Drive
Richardson Texas 75080

972-744-4350

From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Radnovich, Karen](#)
Subject: RE: Wenqi Li reimbursement request
Date: Friday, September 16, 2011 3:23:00 PM

I wonder if we can charge to Confucius Institute?

Dennis M. Kratz
Dean, School of Arts and Humanities

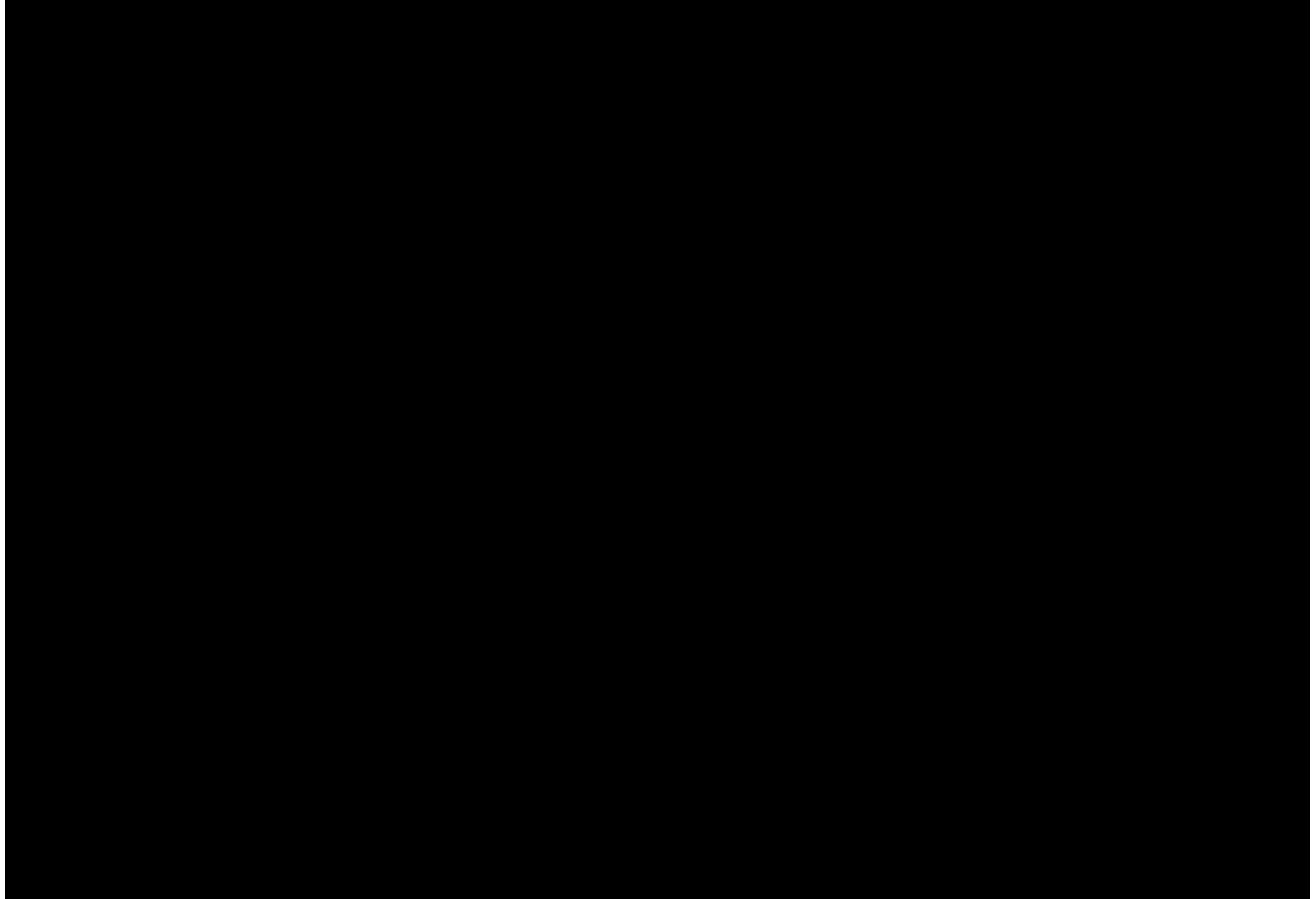


From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: Re: westwood
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 11:11:02 AM

Can you find out ASAP how other Confucius Institutes handle the invitations to Confucius Classroom teachers? It is important.

Thanks,
Dennis

Sent from my iPhone



From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Blanchard, Andrew J](#)
Subject: Rooms
Date: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:17:36 AM

Andy,

While I understand and sympathize with the space problems you are confronting this fall, I would like to discuss some important modifications in the classroom assignments for the spring and beyond. It is especially important for as many of our foreign Language courses as possible (and all Chinese courses) be offered in the JO3 room designated for FL instruction - that is adjacent to the FL Lab (opening in January) funded by the Confucius Institute.

Best,
Dennis

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gou, Xuehong](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis](#); [Kang, Olivia](#)
Subject: Re: BNU PP for Tuesday night
Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:21:59 AM
Attachments: [UTD-BNU MA Program_v3.pptx](#)

From: Kratz, Dennis <dkratz@utdallas.edu>
Date: Monday, March 28, 2022 at 9:17 PM
To: Gou, Xuehong <Xuehong.Gou@UTDallas.edu>, Kang, Olivia <Olivia.Kang@UTDallas.edu>
Subject: BNU PP for Tuesday night

As is my generally exasperating way, I have been tinkering with the PP. Here is my thinking:

Still begin with a reminder of the BNU visit (year?) and the quote from President Benson.

Then elaborate a bit about **UTD** with a slide or two: Known for science, engineering, strong Asian enrollment (will provide figures).

A&H: Known for innovation - **A TEC [2002: now a School]. Add TRANSLATION CENTER SLIDE with the Book "Translating China for the West"**

Confucius Institute: since CI opened in 2007 has expanded Asia-focused academics - Japanese, Chinese, Arabic (after Spanish) highest enrolled foreign languages; went from 0 to 8 full-time Asian faculty (6 Chinese: Gu, Gou, Bei Chen, Songyao Ren, Jacqueline Chao, soon Mai Wong + Prof. Hoki & Lauren Kim), Asian Studies minor & growing.

2019: CROW added [nice slide]; **CI NOW A CAS [use the announcement slide already in PP]: MAJOR EVENT. RARE EARTH INVITATION SLIDE** that mentions CAS as co-presenter: shows continuing China focus & joins science with arts/humanities)

NOW TO **MA IN HUMANITIES FOR BNU STUDENTS**

DO WE WANT TO MENTION THE SUMMER PROGRAM? Use some of the slides from the February

presentation to A&H Faculty?

[The slide about market for Chinese teachers in Dallas? Do we want to focus on Dallas? Do the BNU students want to teach in US? High School? The slide - just listing web stories - is kind of mundane.]

“Thank You” slide at conclusion should show students rather than buildings.

Exasperating yours,
Dennis

From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [李悦](#)
Subject: Request for Advice
Date: Wednesday, December 28, 2011 5:28:59 PM

Li Laoshi,

It was a most wonderful experience to have met and talked to you during the Beijing Conference. I am now back in Dallas. As the New Year is round the the corner, I wish to avail myself of this opporitunity to wish you and your family a most successful and satisfactory new year.

During our meeting in Beijing, I talked to you about our university's desire about the future development of the Confucius Institute. I want to know if you have explored the procedures needed for further development. Please kindly let me know.

I will call you to seek your advice and assistance.

All the best in the Year of the Dragon!

Ming Dong Gu
Confucius Institute at
UT Dallas

From: [Gu, Ming](mailto:Gu.Ming)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [刘博超](mailto:liubochao@hanban.org); TianXiangbin; [Jessie Zhou](mailto:Jessie.Zhou)
Subject: 关于2012年开展“孔子学院春晚”巡演活动
Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2011 11:36:00 AM

霍媛老师:

您好 我是顾明东, 达拉斯德州大学孔院院长 我们接到汉办通知, 贵校文艺巡演团将来我校孔子学院演出, 我们十分高兴 前年, 贵校文艺巡演团在我校的演出获得巨大成功, 这次, 我们会尽力配合使演出获得更大的成功 我们对文艺巡演十分重视, 今年上半年就预定了演出时间, 并已放进宣传册, 希望贵校文艺巡演能照顾我们的时间安排 我们的时间安排如下:

2012年1月21日星期六晚上7点30分

诚请照顾
祝好
顾明东

Ming Dong Gu
Professor of Chinese and Comparative Literature,
School of Arts and Humanities,
University of Texas at Dallas
Richardson, TX 75080
Ph: 972-883-2760

-----Original Message-----

From: 刘博超 [<mailto:liubochao@hanban.org>]
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 9:41 PM
To: Gu, Ming
Subject: 答复: 关于2012年开展“孔子学院大春晚”巡演活动的通知,

顾老师:

您好!
好的, 我们会请中方院校尽量配合孔子学院的需求
若已确定了详细日期, 您可以直接联系对外经贸大学老师 以便安排行程
对外经贸大学 霍媛
010-64493598
fax: 64495153
Yuan Huo [REDACTED]"

刘博超
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发件人: Gu, Ming [<mailto:mdgu@utdallas.edu>]
发送时间: 2011年11月22日 10:30
收件人: 刘博超
主题: RE: 关于2012年开展“孔子学院大春晚”巡演活动的通知

刘老师,

您好 感谢送来高校文艺巡演团的信息 我们今年上半年就预定了演出时间, 并已放进宣传册, 希望汉办能照顾我们的时间安排 我是在家里给您回信, 明天到学校我会告诉您详细日期
祝好
顾明东

From: 刘博超 [liubochao@hanban.org]
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 3:52 AM
To: Gu, Ming
Subject: 关于2012年开展“孔子学院大春晚”巡演活动的通知

顾明东老师:
您好!
孔子学院总部计划2012年派遣国内高校文艺巡演团前往您所在的孔子学院巡演
具体通知请见附件
谢谢您的支持! 祝好!

Liu Bochao
Division of Communication
Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters
129 Deshengmenwai Street, Xicheng District, Beijing, 100088 www.hanban.org<<http://www.hanban.org/>>

From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Young, Elizabeth](#)
Cc: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
Subject: 4:45 on Saturday is fine
Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 11:42:00 AM

Beth,

4:45pm on Saturday is a convenient time for Dennis to meet all the instructors from China. The place will be the Meeting Room of the Confucius Institute. I'll ask all the instructors and visiting scholars to wait there for Dennis's coming.

All the best,

Ming Dong

From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: sahgrads@utdallas.edu
Cc: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
Subject: A Meeting with Prof. Kam Louie
Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 5:47:00 PM

Dear All,

You may have learned that Prof. Kam Louie, Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Hong Kong, President of the Hong Kong Academy of Humanities and a Fellow of the Australian Humanities Academy, will give a public lecture, “Confucius: in China and Abroad” Thursday, November 10, 7:30 p.m. in Jonsson Performance Hall.

We have also made arrangements for him to meet with our graduate students informally and talk about education in the humanities and academic job market in Hong Kong and China. You are welcome to meet him on Thursday, at 10:00-11:00am in the office complex of the Confucius Institute (JO5.504).

Ming Dong Gu
Professor of Chinese and Comparative Literature
Director of the Confucius Institute

From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Young, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Credit card for Confucius Institute
Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 2:15:00 PM

Beth,

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Thanks,

Best

Ming Dong

From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
Subject: Happy Birthday/Report
Date: Monday, June 13, 2011 7:48:07 PM

Dear Dennis,

As your 70th birthday is round the corner, I wish you many happy returns of the day and all the best that life can bring to you in the coming years.

I am reporting to you the outcome of my talks with Southeast University. They have expressed strong interest in establishing all-out co-operative relationships and would like to be a partner in the joint program of the Confucius Institute. Their leadership suggests two options: 1) UTD and Southeast University jointly start a new phase of Confucius Institute after the contract with our present partner university expires; 2) Southeast University becomes another partner together with our present Chinese partner. Either option is fine with them. Their vice president in charge of international exchanges wants to make a trip with me to Hanban while I am in China to explore how to handle the issue, but I said that I must report the progress to you first and wait for your instructions. I suggest that if our university is interested in Southeast University, we can negotiate with them formally when we come to attend the Hanban annual Confucius Institutes Conference in December. Please instruct me on how to respond to Southeast University.

Again, Happy Birthday!!!

All the best,
Ming Dong

From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: "Yang, Xiaohong"; [TianXiangbin](#) [REDACTED]; wengi.li@utdallas.edu; [Hu Xueyan](#)
(Hu.Xueyan@utdallas.edu); [Jessie Zhou](#) [REDACTED]; [Chenjunyz](#) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]; [Xuemei Wan](#) [REDACTED]; [Guo, Qin](#); [朱广宇](#)
[REDACTED]; [Chen, Yuehong](#); [Kang Zhang \(kzhang@utdallas.edu\)](mailto:kzhang@utdallas.edu)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Invitation to Thanksgiving Party
Date: Monday, November 14, 2011 9:50:00 AM

Dear All,

You are cordially invited to a Thanksgiving Dinner party at my home on November 24 (Thanksgiving Day) at 6:00pm. This party has multiple purposes. One of them is to thank Sharon Yang for her dedicated service to the Confucius Institute.

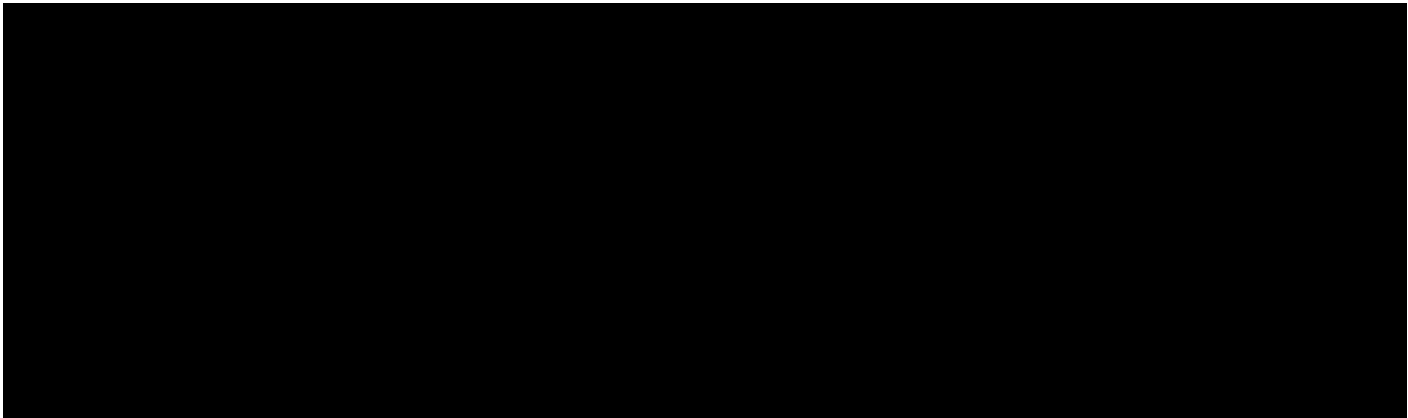
My home address is: [REDACTED]

Please let me know if you can come.

Hope to see you all.

All the best,

Ming Dong Gu



From: guanglin wang [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 6:17 AM
To: Gu, Ming D
Subject: Re: Getting in touch

Mindong:

It is great to meet you too in Beijing. I know you have connections with Nanda's Institute of Advanced humanities, soemthing like that, when I went to Nanda to attend the ethnic studies conference there.

If you come back next time, please give me your itinerary first and I will try to arrange some lectures for our students. I used to be both the dean of school of languages and the dean of foreign languages, quite busy. We established a Confucius Institute at Slovenia and the next one will be in Croatia. Interestingly I found last year when I was in France that it there I go more. I hope I would go to America more in the future as my son is now studying engineering at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Best

Guanglin

From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
Subject: Opportunity to expand our Ph.D. enrollment
Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 9:26:00 AM

Dennis,

The Confucius Institute headquarters announced the schedule of this year's Beijing Conference: December 12-15. I have already sent Dr. Daniel a copy of the information and requested him to consider going this year.

I am writing about an opportunity to expand the Ph.D. enrollment in Humanities and arts. Do you still remember a conversation during the summer? Central China University of Science and Technology, a top ten university in China, wants to work with us to establish a joint doctoral program in arts and humanities. Yesterday, I received a message from Prof. Liu Jiuming, associate dean of their school of humanities and formerly Chinese director of the Confucius Institute at Wayne State University, has been entrusted by their university to explore opportunities of cooperation with us. Their university asked him to come to the US to meet and talk with us. He needs an invitation from us. I think we should invite him to our campus. At any rate, it doesn't cost us anything. Please instruct me on what to do.

Best,

Ming Dong

From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Daniel, David E.](#)
Cc: [Kratz, Dennis M](#); [Tian, Xiangbin](#); [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: Pre-notice of the Sixth Confucius Institute Conference
Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 2:04:00 PM
Attachments: [Pre-notice of the sixth confucius institute conference_ENGLISH1.doc](#)

Dear Dr. Daniel,

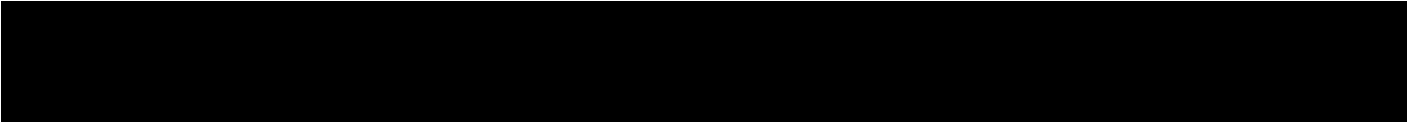
Thanks a lot for coming to the Confucius Classroom signing ceremony. At the ceremony, you graciously agreed to consider attending the next Confucius Institute Conference in Beijing and asked me to let you know the dates of the conference as soon as they are announced.

Now, I am happy to report that I have just received a notice from the Confucius Institute headquarters in Beijing, which notifies us that the next Confucius Institute Conference will be held on December 12-15, 2011. I am forwarding a copy of the notice. The conference plans to last for 4 days, but you do not need to stay the whole length. Please read the attached notice and let us know if you will be able to attend. I will let you know further details when they are coming.

As the conference is announced early this year, it is convenient to plan ahead. I hope you will be able to go this time.

All the best,

Ming Dong Gu
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800 W. Campbell Road, JO 31
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From: Gu, Ming D

Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 2:56 PM

To: Yang, Xiaohong; Tian, Xiangbin; Xujun, Tian; Huang, Haiying; Yang, Bingfeng; Chen, Yuehong

Cc: Kratz, Dennis M

Subject: A gentle reminder of working procedure

Dear All,

I am leaving for China. Before I go, I wish to gently remind you of standard procedures which are required of us all as staff or TA's at the Confucius Institute. It is concerned with two things:

- 1) During your term here, when you need to take a trip to China or out of town, you need to inform either me or Dean Kratz of your trip before your go so that we know your whereabouts and make necessary adjustments for our work;
- 2) For any purchases or travels, please inform me first and see if they can be reimbursed. Otherwise, you may end up making payment that cannot be reimbursed.

All the best,

Ming Dong Gu

Ph.D. (University of Chicago)

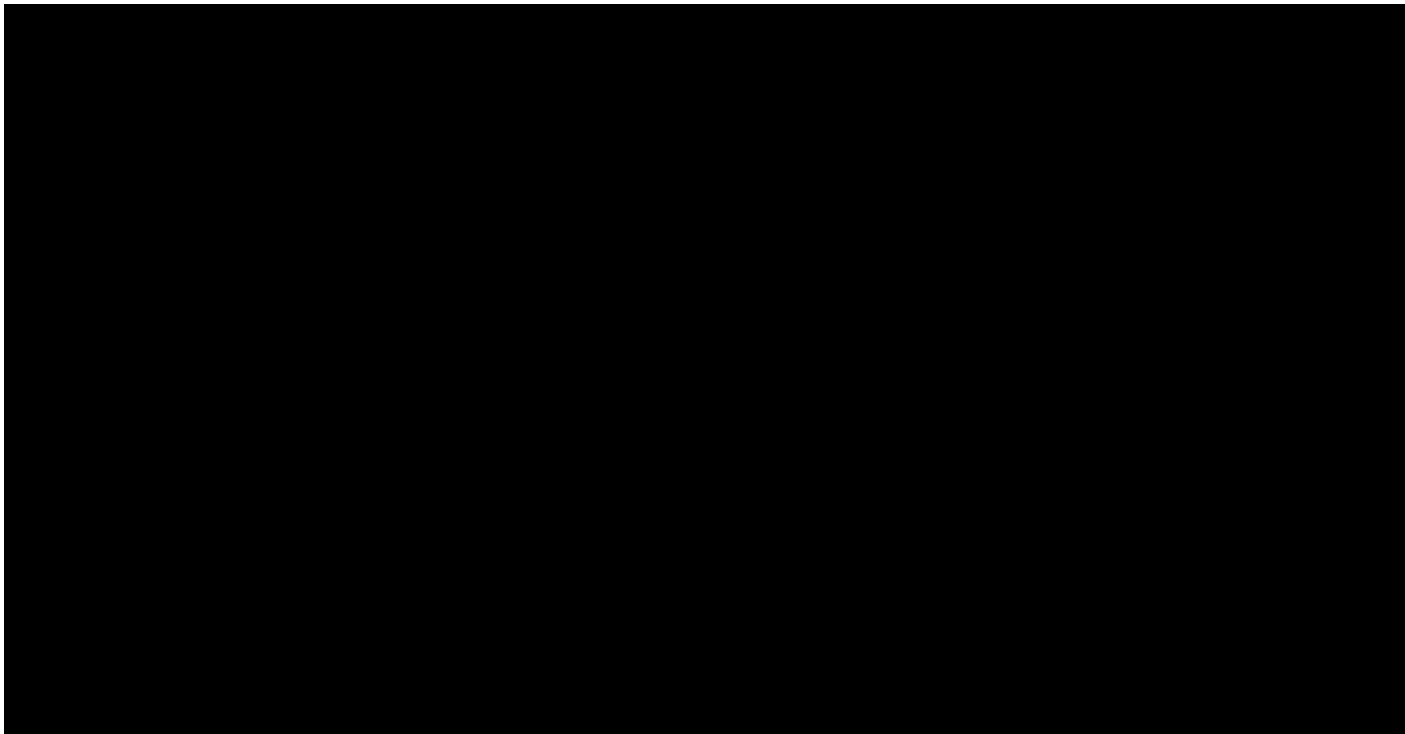
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From: Radnovich, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 3:36 PM
To: Gu, Ming
Subject: RE: Credit card for Confucius Institute

We can request a credit card for someone in the Confucius Institute. Because you and Sharon are the only UTD employees, it would have to be one or both of you. Only the person whose name is on the card would be permitted to use it, and that person would have to go through a short orientation with Procurement when the card arrives so that you're informed of all the rules and procedures that go along with the card (such as: ALL receipts must be kept, it cannot be used for food or meals or travel, tax cannot be charged to it under any circumstances, and reports are reconciled monthly by the card holder).

The application is attached if you and/or Sharon want to request a credit card.

Karen



From: Gu, Ming
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 2:16 PM
To: Young, Elizabeth
Subject: Credit card for Confucius Institute

Beth,

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Thanks,

Best

Ming Dong

From: Gu, Ming [mailto:mdgu@utdallas.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 6:47 PM
To: mcorbeil@westwoodib.org; jlin@westwoodib.org
Cc: Kratz, Dennis M; Tian, Xiangbin; Yang, Xiaohong
Subject: Good News

To:
Mr.Marc Corbeil
Ms. Lin

Date: August 16, 2011

Dear Mr. Corbeil and Ms. Lin,

Greetings.

As you are busy with preparations for the opening of the fall semester, we are pleased to bring you a piece of exciting news. After our continued negotiations with Hanban, your application for the establishment of a Confucius Classroom at Westwood School has been approved at last. This is something worth celebrating. We'd like to extend to your our warmest congratulations!

We are enclosing a copy of the draft agreement for the Confucius Classroom. Please read it carefully. If it is fine with you, we'll then proceed to schedule a time for signing the agreement at UT Dallas or at your school. After the signing of the agreement, you will be able to apply for start-up fund, books, and equipment for Chinese language and culture instruction as well as volunteer Chinese instructors.

We are thrilled about the news and look forward to working more closely with you in the future.

Best regards,

Ming Dong Gu,
Director
Xiangbin Tian,
Co-director
Confucius Institute at UT Dallas

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From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Daniel, David E.](#)
Cc: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
Subject: RE: invitation to initiate student exchange program
Date: Monday, October 31, 2011 9:15:52 PM

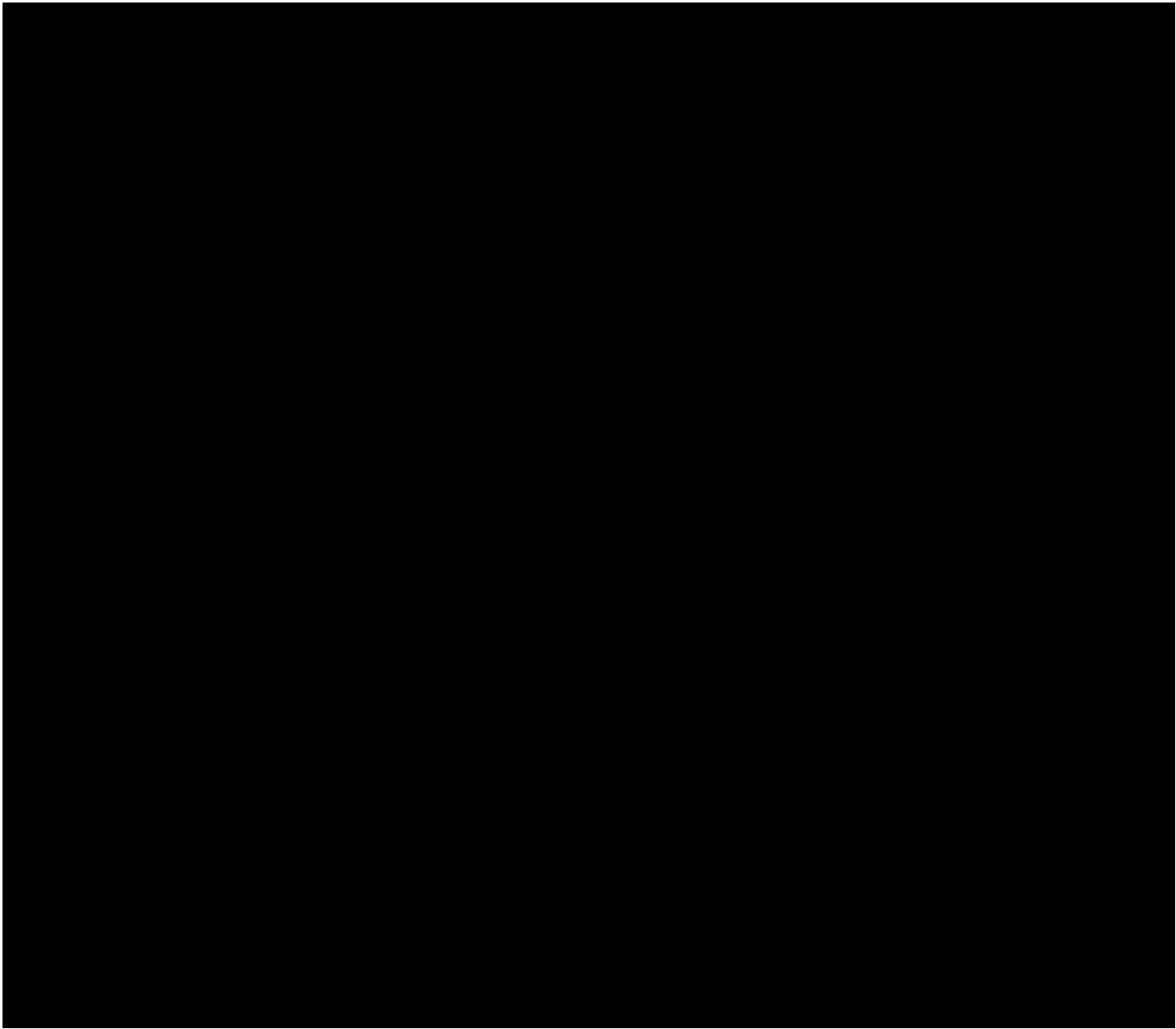
Dear President,

Perhaps, this is a matter for Rodlfo's office. However, our university has already sent several students to study at China Three Gorges University on scholarship from Hanban and there are three doctoral students from Three Gorges studying in our university. But we do not have exchange program. I'll discuss the issue with Dean Kratz. We will report to you about what we should do.

We have a small favor to ask of you. Today, I received a letter from the Confucius Institutes Headquarters. They are going to print a pictorial volume in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the Confucius Institutes. Every Confucius Institute will be featured in it with a full page of 3 to 5 selected photos. The photos will show a typical scene of the university and representative activities carried out by its Confucius Institute. Moreover, **they request each Confucius Institute's University president to write one sentence with a signature.** We at the Confucius Institute can select the photos. Could you take a minute to write a sentence and sign it?

All the best,

Ming Dong Gu
Confucius Institute at UTD

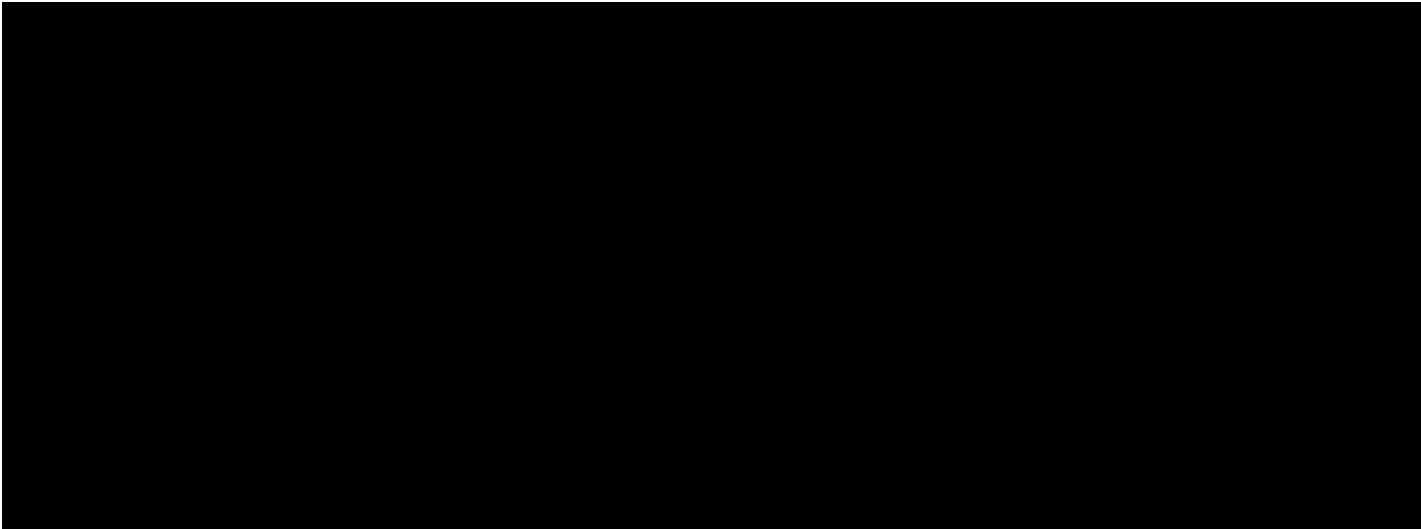


From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Crossley, Caroline D](#)
Subject: RE: JO 4.102
Date: Friday, September 9, 2011 5:15:00 PM

We have used this classroom for our Confucius Institute activities in the past four years and were never charged. I don't understand why we cannot use the equipment free now. If you want to make money, please don't make the money from us. This is a free event for the university community. If you charge us, we don't need your equipment. I'll talk to your boss about this change of policy.
Best,

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From: Daniel, David E.
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 5:11 PM
To: Gu, Ming
Cc: Kratz, Dennis M; Tian, Xiangbin; Yang, Xiaohong; Snellings, Judy
Subject: RE: Pre-notice of the Sixth Confucius Institute Conference

Thanks, Ming. I'll look into it.

By the way, I'd like for Judy to arrange a meeting with all of you, as well as Provost Wildenthal, to update me on how things are going with the Confucius Institute. No rush on it, and it may be a while before Judy can schedule. I hope all is going well, but I would like to hear specifically about how things are going.

Thanks, and I'll let you know soon if these December dates are workable for me.

Regards,
David

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From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Daniel, David E.](#)
Cc: [Kratz, Dennis M](#); [Tian, Xiangbin](#); [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: RE: Pre-notice of the Sixth Confucius Institute Conference
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2011 4:22:00 PM

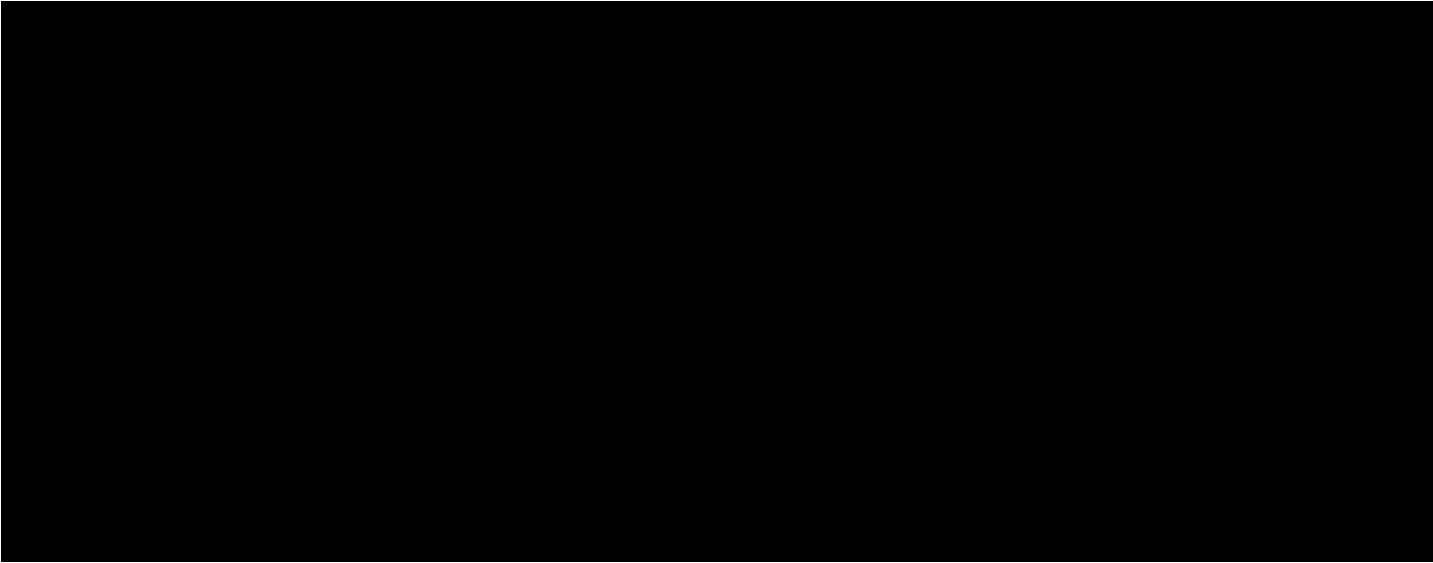
Dear Dr. Daniel,

Thanks for your notice. I fully understand your busy schedule. If you cannot go this year, please consider next year.

See you Monday morning at 11:00pm when we will report to you the work at the Confucius Institute.

Have a nice week end.

Ming Dong Gu
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Thanks a lot for coming to the Confucius Classroom signing ceremony. At the ceremony, you graciously agreed to consider attending the next Confucius Institute Conference in Beijing and asked me to let you know the dates of the conference as soon as they are announced.

Now, I am happy to report that I have just received a notice from the Confucius Institute headquarters in Beijing, which notifies us that the next Confucius Institute Conference will be held

on December 12-15, 2011. I am forwarding a copy of the notice. The conference plans to last for 4 days, but you do not need to stay the whole length. Please read the attached notice and let us know if you will be able to attend. I will let you know further details when they are coming.

As the conference is announced early this year, it is convenient to plan ahead. I hope you will be able to go this time.

All the best,

Ming Dong Gu
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From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Safley, Ellen D](#)
Cc: [Wildenthal, Bryan](#); [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
Subject: RE: Question on barcoding
Date: Thursday, October 13, 2011 11:05:00 AM

Dear Dr. Safley,

Thanks for letting me know. Perhaps, we can turn the Confucius Institute book holdings into an internal reference room.

All the best,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Safley, Ellen D
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 6:02 PM
To: Gu, Ming
Cc: Wildenthal, Bryan; Kratz, Dennis M
Subject: RE: Question on barcoding

Dear Dr. Gu,

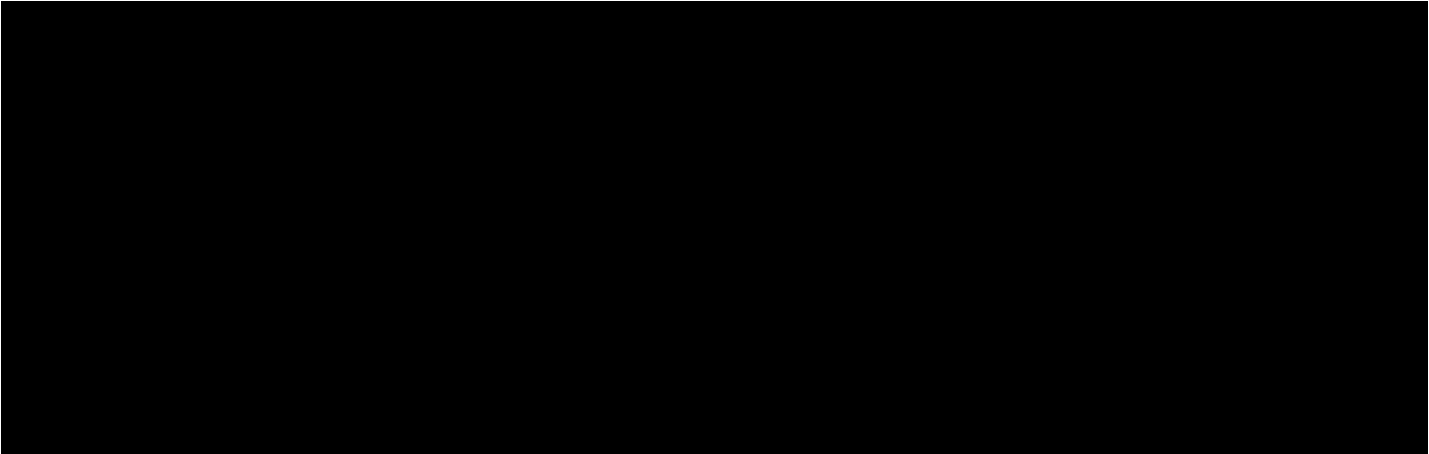
I have received several requests or referrals about creating a checkout system for the materials in the Confucius Institute.

I approached the Provost earlier this year about adding the materials from the Confucius Institute into the Library's checkout system. The Provost indicated that he did not want to create another library on campus.

Unfortunately, a lending system for the Institute is not something that we can consider without further input from University Administration.

Sincerely,

Ellen Safley, PhD
Library Administration



From: TianXiangbin [mailto:txbctgu@hotmail.com]
Sent: 2011年5月21日 8:36
To: Yang, Xiaohong
Subject: RE: Westwood volunteers

杨助理:

来函收到。你们看着办吧。如果说孔子课堂，该校申报了，汉办虽然没有批，但也说要支持该校。至少还可以算是我们的汉语教学点吧，否则，建教学点我们能提供什么帮助呢？但你们担心法律问题，你们就看着办吧，我没有任何意见。包括孔子课堂志愿者的事情也由你们定。我无非是汉办每年给了生活补贴，觉得应该做点有意义的事情而已。

祝好。

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From: xiaohong.yang@utdallas.edu
To: mdg073000@utdallas.edu; txbctgu@hotmail.com
Subject: Westwood volunteers

Date: Fri, 20 May 2011 17:05:46 +0000

领导:

有关Westwood 的两个志愿者的事, 我认为你们需要考虑的是这个学校并非是我们的孔子课堂, 目前与我们没有任何关系, 如果邀请函一定要Utd 出的话, 你们最好跟相关部门沟通好, 法律上有没有问题等。请考虑。

Sharon

From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [刘博超](#)
Subject: RE: 关于2012年开展“孔子学院大春晚”巡演活动的通知
Date: Monday, November 21, 2011 8:30:13 PM

刘老师，
您好 感谢送来高校文艺巡演团的信息 我们今年上半年就预定了演出时间，并已放进宣传册，希望汉办能照顾我们的时间安排 我是在家里给您回信，明天到学校我会告诉您详细日期
祝好
顾明东

From: 刘博超 [liubocho@hanban.org]
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 3:52 AM
To: Gu, Ming
Subject: 关于2012年开展“孔子学院大春晚”巡演活动的通知

顾明东老师：

您好！

孔子学院总部计划2012年派遣国内高校文艺巡演团前往您所在的孔子学院巡演

具体通知请见附件

感谢您的支持！祝好！

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From: 李悦 [mailto:liyue@hanban.org]

Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 9:22 PM

To: Joan Brzezinski; qijie_li@sina.com.cn; rkluver@ipomail.tamu.edu; Kleinkort, Kelly; Gu, Ming; TianXiangbin; Donald Lien; Eric Hayot; 'Nadia Niu'; David Y Lou; rzeng@unlserve.unl.edu; Pingan Huang; David Liu; Kejian Jin; YE, TAN; cynthia_zhao1963; Moebus, Thomas; georgeyqliu;

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Cc: ; Manjula Salomon; Susan Xuan

Subject: How to submit Information Card and Conference Reference Materials

Dear All,

Please be aware that the conference registration is separate from the submission of Information Card and conference reference materials.

To submit your CI's information card and reference materials, first go to:

<http://signup.chinese.cn>

THEN, use the code of the "budget reporting system" (it is a 7-digit code starting with "03") as the "User name" and "Password" to log in.

IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE CODE, PLEASE EMAIL ME ASAP.

I highly suggest you complete registration and submission of information card and reference materials as soon as possible, preferably before the deadline, November 15th.

If you had any questions regarding using the above website or conference arrangements, please email me.

Thank you!

李悦/Li Yue

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From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Wildenthal, Bryan](#)
Cc: [Kratz, Dennis M](#); [Yang, Xiaohong](#); [Tian, Xiangbin](#)
Subject: Request from Ming Gu
Date: Sunday, September 11, 2011 9:39:00 AM

Dear Provost,

We were honored to have you coming to the Confucius Classroom signing ceremony. Thank you very much. Without your consistent support, we wouldn't have been able to accomplish so much in the past four years.

Now, we need your support on another issue. In the past four years, in addition to large events, we have held smaller events like the Confucius Salon: Forum on Chinese Culture. These events usually need AV equipment. In the past, we just reserved a classroom with AV equipment and used our NetID to use the equipment. But this semester, we are told that we need to ask for media service and be charged for the service. **Please see the message from the Media Service Supervisor below.** Our events are all free events for the campus community and the local community. In the past years, for the Confucius Salon alone, we have held 23 sessions. If we are asked to pay for these events, we are unable to sustain them. Since Media Service is under your supervision, we request you to approve of our use of classrooms with AV equipment as we did in the past. We don't need media service. We can do it ourselves.

I am waiting for your instruction and decision.

All the best,

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From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
Subject: Temporary replacement
Date: Sunday, November 13, 2011 12:54:50 PM

Dennis,

Our Chinese Culture Week is nearly over. There is only one public event left on Monday. The Cultural Week is a success, thanks to Jessie Zhou. Without her I don't know if it would be as successful. After the Cultural Week there are still a lot of things to be done with Hanban, such as submitting work report, CI's financial accounting and next year's budget, just to name a few most important ones. I wonder if a temporary replacement you talked about could be given us. Jessie Zhou has been working full time as a volunteer in the past week, including Saturday. She has demonstrated a remarkable competence in handling the things at the CI. I wonder if we could have her as a temporary replacement. She has work permit and can work in the US.

Have a nice week end.

Best,

Ming Dong



From: [Gu, Ming D](#)
To: "[Mechelle Bryson](#)"
Subject: Volunteer teachers
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 8:49:00 AM

Dr. Bryson,

Thanks for your message. It was nice attending the SF conference together with you. I'll take your requests into consideration and do our best to assign teachers from as many Chinese universities as possible. If you have any concerns, please do let me know. Even though Prof. Tian Xiangbin is in charge of Confucius Classrooms, I still oversee the overall work of the Confucius Institute including the Confucius Classrooms. So, please do not hesitate to let me know your concerns.

Best,

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From: Mechelle Bryson [mailto:mbryson@coppellisd.com]
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2011 9:41 PM
To: Gu, Ming D
Cc: yow amstutz
Subject:

Dr. Gu,

The Coppell Independent School District wants to express its deepest gratitude for the opportunities that the Chinese Confucius Institute has afforded the District through the Confucius Classrooms. We are so proud to be a part of this program and look forward to building on our partnership in the year ahead.

Regarding the 2011-2012 visiting teachers, while we appreciate the opportunity to interview the candidates presented to us, we would prefer to draw upon a more geographically diverse field of teacher candidates. To that end, we would like to interview additional candidates from Normal University and other prestigious intuitions' in China. It is our hope to select several teachers from the initial field of candidates from Three Gorges University and the rest from the additional interviews.

We realize that you are traveling home in the next few days. We would appreciate any assistance that you could render.

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Zhang, Kang](#)
Cc: [Young, Beth](#)
Subject: Shared Interests
Date: Monday, February 14, 2011 4:46:00 PM

It's long past time for us to get together and explore shared interests regard ATEC, the Confucius Institute and the Center for Values – and now add my idea of establishing a Center for Asian Studies at UTD. My treat: let's meet soon.

Best,
Dennis

Dennis M. Kratz
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The University of Texas at Dallas

From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: mbryson@coppellisd.com; [REDACTED]
Cc: [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: Teachers from China
Date: Friday, June 17, 2011 11:52:00 AM

Dear Colleagues,

I write with the disappointing news that it may not be possible for UT Dallas to continue sponsoring J-1 visas for the teachers from China to serve as instructors in your Confucius Classrooms. We have just learned that UT Dallas' authority to sponsor J-1 visas does not include this situation. (We can invite individuals to teach at UT Dallas or as visiting scholars.) Although for the moment everything is on hold, the attorneys are most supportive of the program and are investigating ways in which the six teachers can be invited for the coming academic year. I will keep you informed as I receive information. At the conclusion of this email I will attach information that we received from another Confucius Institute about this problem.

I apologize for sending you this news at such a late date and will do all possible to help. The Confucius Institute and its programs are of great importance to UT Dallas and to me personally.

Sincerely,
Dennis Kratz

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: Texas State University
Date: Thursday, July 7, 2011 11:12:29 PM

Hi Sharon,
The Provost from TSU will be contacting you for advice about applying for a Confucius Institute. His Chancellor is one of my dearest friends, so offer him as much help as possible and incite him to visit the UTD CI.
Your friend,
Dennis

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Thank You!
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2011 11:37:00 AM

Dear Doug,

It was a great pleasure to meet you in person at the banquet and performance Sunday evening. I want to thank you not only for arranging the tickets but also for the beautiful gifts that you have sent me. The calendars occupy places of pride in my office and home. Thank you as well for the elegant wallet. The true and sustained gift that I receive is the opportunity to learn more about China and to meet people like you through my association with the Confucius Institute. I look forward to many more meetings and conversations with you.

Gratefully,
Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Thank You!
Date: Thursday, January 6, 2011 2:53:00 PM

Dear Jason,

I was surprised and delighted to receive the beautiful dragon that now occupies a prominent place in my office, reminding me daily of how fortunate I am to have such friends. The past several years have been among the most satisfying of my professional life as I have learned about China and come to know so many Chinese and Chinese-American individuals. You have for years been such a gracious and effective supporter of the Confucius Institute - and so generous with your stories and photographs chronicling our activities. Thank you for everything!

All best wishes,
Dennis

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From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: UT Dallas
Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 10:31:26 AM

Dear Zhong Ruiming,

A brief note to express our appreciation to you for viewing the “Rare Earth” Exhibition and for the energizing conversation afterward at lunch. As we discussed, the Center for Asian Studies can play a productive role in the future of The University of Texas at Dallas - building on and extending the important, in some ways transformative contributions of the Confucius Institute.

My colleagues and I look forward to your next visit and our next conversation about our shared interest in enhancing international understanding.

With all best regards,
Dennis

Dennis M. Kratz
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From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: t_huangxing@suda.edu.cn
Cc: zmwang@jiemeigroup.com; [Zhang, Kang \(kzhang@utdallas.edu\)](mailto:Zhang, Kang (kzhang@utdallas.edu)); [Gu, Ming D](#)
Subject: UT Dallas
Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:43:00 PM

Dear Dean Huang,

I am writing both to introduce myself and to suggest the possibility of creating a partnership linking the University of Texas at Dallas with Soochow University.

UT Dallas is a rising research university of 17,000 students. As Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, I have emphasized the importance of international education. In 2007 we established on our campus a Confucius Institute and soon plan to create the UT Dallas Asia Center to promote advanced research, educational programs and cultural exchanges focused on Asia. After a lively and informative discussion with Jimmy Wang, I believe that a relationship of our two universities could be mutually beneficial; and I would be happy to visit Suzhou to meet with you at a time convenient for you to discuss that possibility. (I know that your city is famous for its beauty and historical significance. It is also the hometown of one of my faculty members.)

Although my own scholarship focuses on the classical and medieval culture of western Europe, more recently I have become fascinated with the literature and culture of China.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that we have the opportunity to meet in the near future.

Sincerely,

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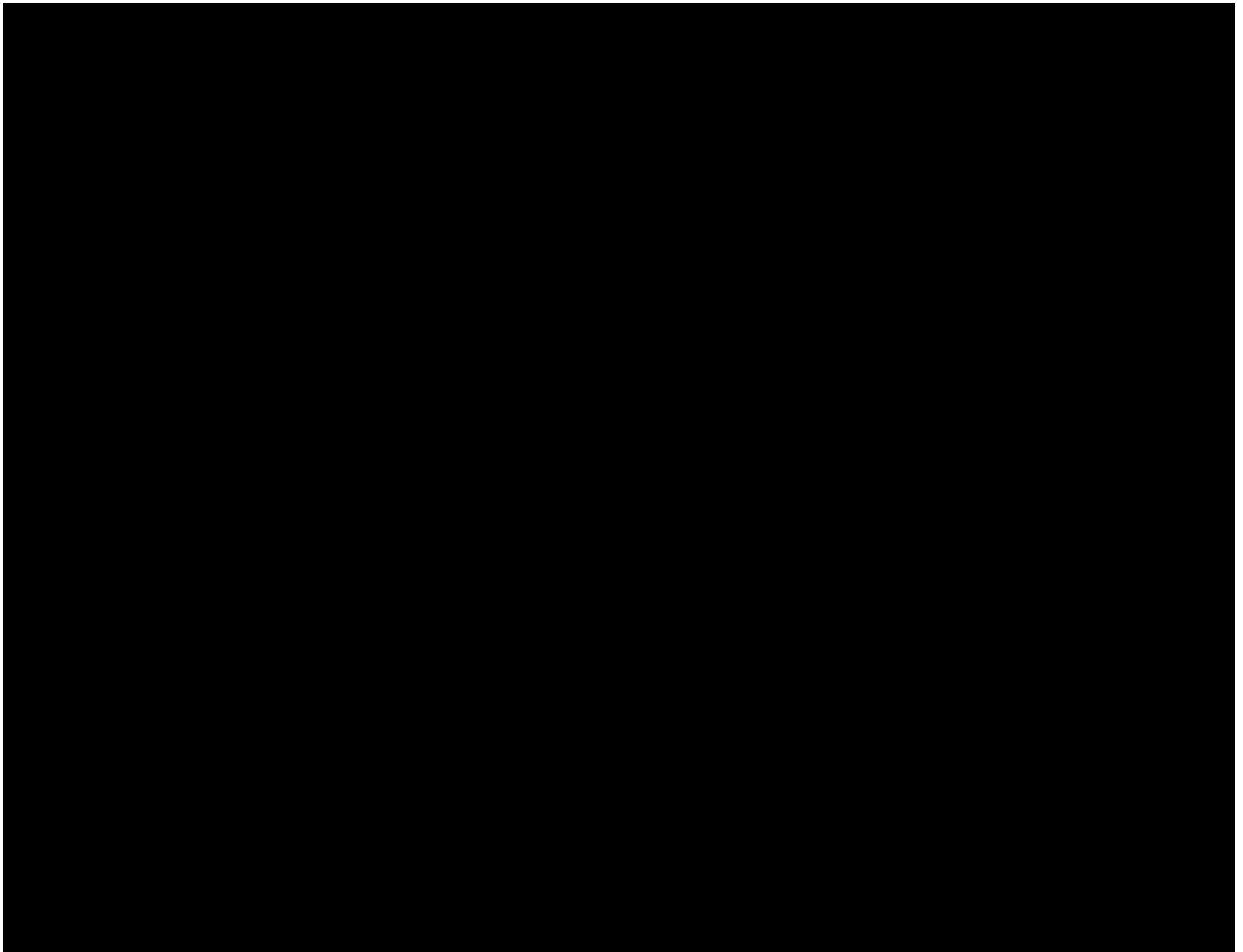
From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Yang, Xiaohong](#); [Gu, Ming D](#); [Tian, Xiangbin](#)
Subject: Visitors
Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:14:00 PM

Dear dear friends,

Would you like to host one or more groups of the high school students who will be visiting UTD before the Clark lecture (see below)? We/you could tell them about the Confucius Institute and Chinese Studies at UTD etc.

Dennis

Dennis M. Kratz
Dean, School of Arts and Humanities



From: [Kratz, Dennis M](#)
To: [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: Work Plan
Date: Friday, October 29, 2010 4:16:00 PM
Attachments: [2011 Work Plan for Confucius Institute at UT Dallas\(English\).doc](#)

Work Plan is impressive: I made a couple of additions (in **bold type**). Let me know what you think. Ric Madriguera is making sure that I have the correct guitarist whom we might ask.

Have a great weekend. Your tie was a big hit. (I SO appreciate you!)

Dennis

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From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis](#); [Harpham, Edward](#); [Gu, Ming](#); [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Cc: [Kang, Olivia](#)
Subject: News: Center for Language Education and Cooperation
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 5:46:35 PM

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are all safe and sound in this difficult time of pandemic.

I am writing to call your attention to one piece of news: Hanban or the Confucius Headquarters has just been closed. In its place, China's Ministry of Education has set up the Center for Language Education and Cooperation in an effort to deepen the language education exchanges and cooperation between China and other countries. I am sending you the news from the China News Agency.

And the dean of Southeast University's College of International Education called me to give more details about this new Center. It will be operated as a public benefit institution and will only engage in provide funding and formulate language examination standard. Universities from China and other part of the world will be able to establish partnership for language cooperation on their own. In other words, partner universities will have a free hand in their operations.

Southeast University wants to know if it is possible to expand its current language exchange program with UTD under the new structure.

All the best,

Ming Dong Gu

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Monday, July 6, 2020

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China sets up language cooperation center

Source: Xinhua| 2020-07-05 21:57:16|Editor: huaxia

BEIJING, July 5 (Xinhua) -- China's Ministry of Education has set up a center to run Chinese language teaching programs, in a bid to deepen the language education exchanges and cooperation between China and other countries.

The center will operate as a public benefit institution to promote Chinese language teaching, the ministry said, noting that it will be involved in managing relevant education resources, setting standards for Chinese language teaching, and supporting academic research.

The institution will also organize examinations for teachers and students, and run Chinese language teaching brand projects, according to the ministry. Enditem

From: [Sharon Gou](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Cc: [Kang, Olivia](#); [Gu, Ming](#); [Ho, Karl](#); [Harpham, Edward](#); [Hofland, Amy](#); [Holmes, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: September 11 Asian Studies Forum
Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 4:43:16 PM

On Tue, Aug 17, 2021 at 2:47 PM Kratz, Dennis <dkratz@utdallas.edu> wrote:

Dear Administrative Committee,

In the context of the just concluded Town Hall and new code word “de-densification” (at least preferable to de-Dennisification), it is obvious that we should cancel/postpone the Asian Studies Forum session scheduled for September 11. I think a panel discussion will be less energetic and the sense of celebration non-existent online. If we reschedule for October 13, it will at least serve as a replacement for the proposed “Asian Music Concert” that we had been forced to cancel due to impact of COVID on the Hua Yun Orchestra.

The first three weeks and probably more of the semester promise to be (to use my mother’s word for presents that she hated) “different.” The dark cloud of COVID has not dissipated.

On a happier, indeed happy note, please welcome Dr. Sharon Gou, who has accepted our offer to become an Associate Director of the Center. Sharon joins us after a distinguished career at Oklahoma University, where she served as Director of the Confucius Institute there and help other high level positions involved with international education. I have known and admired her for almost 15 years.

More soon...

Best,

Dennis

Dennis M. Kratz

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From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE
Date: Monday, November 3, 2014 3:34:48 PM

Dear Mr. Huang,

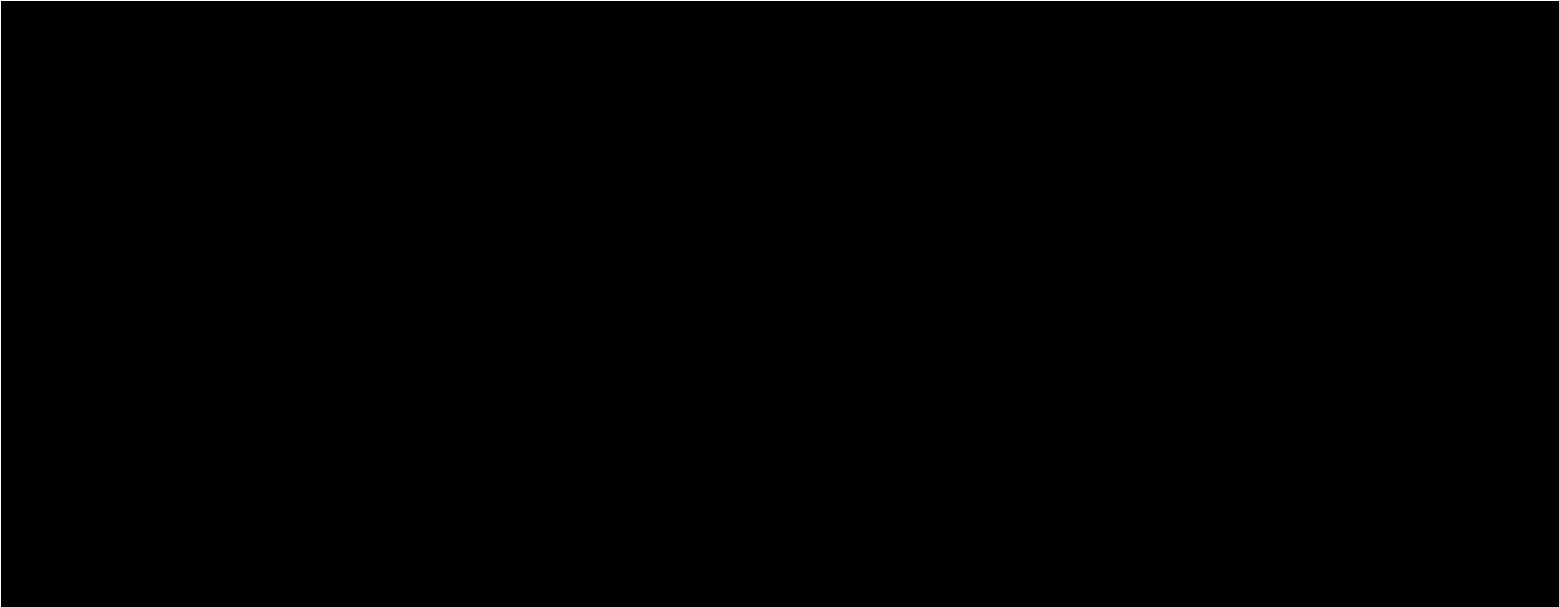
Trish Monfrey forwarded your message to me as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the UT Dallas Confucius Institute. No outside entity exerts any control on the relevant academic subjects that an instructor/class may discuss.. There is no Confucius School. The CI sponsors lectures, conferences and other cultural events. The only classes offered through the CI are Chinese language instruction. The CI also sponsors “Confucius Classrooms” (that is, supports the teaching of the Chinese language in various public and private schools). Through the CI some of the world’s most prominent scholars about China and its culture have spoken on our campus.

You will find more information about the UT Dallas CI on our web site.

I appreciate your interest in UT Dallas and our efforts to create an environment of open, thoughtful and nuanced discussion about matters on significance. Should you wish more information or support our School, I will be pleased to help.

Sincerely,
Dennis Kratz

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From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Shellings, Judy](#)
Cc: [Daniel, David E.](#); [Wildenthal, Bryan](#); [Kratz, Dennis](#); [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: Confucius Institute of the Year Award
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 11:09:00 AM
Attachments: [Confucius Classroom of the Year Application.docx](#)
Importance: High

Dear Judy,

I am happy to report that because of the excellent work by the Confucius Institute at UT Dallas, Hanban is in the process of selecting our Institute for the Institute of the Year award. To finalize the selection process, we need to submit our formal application. We have prepared the application form, which needs to be signed by the president of the institution sponsoring the Confucius Institute. I am sending you the form. Please ask Dr. Daniel to sign it at his earliest convenience. When it is signed, please send it to Sharon Yang. We hope this can be done today. According to the information we received, our Confucius Institute will get the award this year. Thanks

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From: [Musselman, Inga](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis](#); [Gu, Ming](#)
Subject: Confucius Institute VIP Dinner
Date: Monday, January 26, 2015 9:03:42 AM

Dear Dennis and Ming,

Thank you very much for the invitation to attend the Confucius Institute VIP dinner on February 21st. I very much look forward to attending! When I went to accept the invitation, I was asked to indicate the number of guests even though the invitation said, "invite you to the VIP dinner." Is my husband, David, invited as well? Either way is fine.

Thanks,

Inga Musselman

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From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: yppu@seu.edu.cn
Subject: Confucius Institute
Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 11:35:40 AM

Dear Yuepu,

To my disappointment and regret, a combination of professional and personal issues will prevent me from attending this year's Confucius Institute meeting. One of the many pleasures of that annual event, for me the opportunity of sharing tea and ideas with you has become the greatest. This year during the event in China I will pause here in the USA raise a cup of a fine tea that you have given me and toast our friendship.

Like Dr. Gu I am delighted to learn that the Hanban will recognize our Institute this year - an honor that owes much to our partnership with SEU. As long as I am in a position to do so, I will do all in my power to nurture and nourish that partnership; and I hope for the opportunity to speak with you in person soon.

All best wishes,
Dennis

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From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Yang, Xiaohong](#); [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Cc: [Qianyuan Zhang](#)
Subject: Draft invitation for VIP reception
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2015 2:20:40 PM
Attachments: [Invitation VIP reception for Award.docx](#)

Dennis and Sharon,

I have drafted an invitation letter for the planned VIP reception. Please see the attached file. The title is not satisfactory. You may think of a better one.

Best

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From: [Daniel, David E.](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Cc: [Snellings, Judy](#)
Subject: FW: UChicago ends controversial China-funded program
Date: Sunday, October 12, 2014 1:35:11 PM

Dennis, I bumped into the person who sent me the email below at an event this past week.

This is the only negative feedback I've received about Confucius institutes, though I've read some negative comments over the past couple of years. My sense is that our Institute is going well and that we're not feeling any pressure or constraint.

However, I'd like to meet with you briefly and get your input -- you know the actual situation far better than I. Anything for us to be concerned about? How should I respond to any people who might question whether we should continue our relationship with Hanban?

Judy, would you please schedule a meeting with Dr. Kratz sometime in the next couple of weeks to discuss this? No urgency, but I'd like his input since he has authoritative knowledge and I don't.

Thanks,
David

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Sex, Lies and Espionage: How the FBI Pushed a Professor to Spy
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(Read a related article here about the FBI's effort to suppress its e-mails to the University of South Florida.)

By Daniel Golden

(Bloomberg) -- When Dianne Mercurio first knocked on Dajin Peng's door, he was searching the Internet for the best way to kill himself. Mercurio, an FBI agent, had other ideas. Mercurio knew Peng was in trouble with the University of South Florida, where he taught international business and ran the Confucius Institute, a cultural program funded by a Chinese government affiliate. USF had placed him on leave for alleged mismanagement there. As they strolled outside his apartment, she asked Peng, a Chinese-born U.S. citizen, to serve his adopted country.

The encounter, in April 2009, started Peng's recruitment. Soon Mercurio was pressing him to spy on his homeland and Tampa's Chinese community, and he reluctantly agreed, he said in interviews. In return, she worked to protect him as the university accused him of faking thousands of dollars in expenses, falsifying letters to help Chinese scholars get U.S. visas, and storing explicit images of bondage on a USF laptop. Peng denied any wrongdoing.

"Remember I am keeping you out of jail," Mercurio wrote to Peng in July 2010, "and it's difficult to put a price on freedom."

No one knew the value of freedom better than Peng, who

found himself dragged once again into the powerful currents of politics and spycraft decades after his childhood was fractured by Mao's informers.

His story, winding from China to Princeton University to Tampa, shows how worried the U.S. government has been about growing Chinese involvement in American higher education, especially the activities of the Confucius Institutes. It also reveals the rise of another sometimes-unwanted influence on campus -- that of U.S. intelligence agencies keeping tabs on the rapidly growing ranks of foreign students and professors.

"There's a real tension between what the FBI and CIA want to do and our valid and necessary international openness," said Rice University President David Leebron, a member of the National Security Higher Education Advisory Board, created in 2005 to foster dialogue between intelligence agencies and academic leaders.

"But we don't want to wake up one morning and find out that there are people on campus stealing our trade secrets or putting our country in danger," he said, speaking generally rather than about the Peng case. "We might be uneasy bedfellows, but we've got to find an accommodation."

Who is Dajin Peng?

Fluent in both Chinese and Japanese, Peng has connections in the highest reaches of China's spy services, he said. At 57, he travels frequently between Tampa and his homeland, where he has several teaching posts. Fixed on his potential intelligence value, Mercurio even alarmed USF's leadership by suggesting that the university consider establishing a campus in China. The FBI hoped to use it as a base for Peng's spying, he said.

Ten U.S. colleges have set up China campuses, despite some professors' fears that political discussions are restricted at these branches. Meanwhile, the ranks of Chinese students and faculty in the U.S. have swelled. About 275,000 students in the U.S. now come from China, a seven-fold increase in two decades. Government data show 150,000 Chinese-born scientists, social scientists and engineers worked at U.S. colleges in 2010, or 47 percent more than in 2003.

"Obviously we have a large number of foreign educators, foreign students coming into our country with a certain amount of information that can be gleaned from them," said Steven Ibison, who was special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Tampa office during its courtship of Peng. "It wouldn't be unusual that there are those folks here to gather intelligence on us."

Ibison said he couldn't recall the Peng case. Mercurio declined to comment, as did spokesmen for the bureau's Tampa and national offices. The University of South Florida said it acted appropriately and wasn't influenced by the FBI.

Peng, an associate professor, is currently serving his second suspension from USF. During 10 hours of interviews, he accused the FBI of destroying his career. He said the bureau encouraged disgruntled Confucius Institute staffers to initiate the university's investigation of him, effectively forcing him to spy to keep his job.

"The FBI was involved, but everybody pretends it doesn't happen," he said.

It isn't easy to meet with Peng. "I am not allowed to use my office since I am in suspension," he e-mailed a reporter.

"I do not think it is a good idea for us to meet at my apartment because I am afraid it might be tapped. For the same reason it is not good for us to pre-set a restaurant."

Instead, Peng suggested a rendezvous in a drugstore parking lot. There, he left his Toyota Sienna for the reporter's rental car. He gave directions to a Chinese restaurant run by a friend of his, who led the way to a sparse back room and closed the door. The waitress had to knock.

His eyes were reddened and puffy, perhaps from stress or jet lag. He had just returned from Beijing by way of Dubai and Capetown on vacation with his widowed 89-year-old father. Divorced, with two sons at elite U.S. universities, Peng poured out his story in fluent English, though occasionally confusing "his" with "hers."

Ten days after Peng was born, in 1958, his mother was forced to save her job as a high school administrator by divorcing his father, who had been sent to a labor camp for criticizing the government. The baby was given his mother's family name, Peng, and a first name, Dajin, which means Great Leap Forward, a politically correct tribute to the disastrous industrialization program introduced that year by Mao Zedong. After his father's release from the camp, Peng and his mother visited him, sometimes in secret, even after authorities reprimanded her for it. In 1978, as Deng Xiaoping liberalized China, his parents remarried. They eventually would join Peng in the U.S.

His mother died in 2004. His father, who became a citizen, was killed in December when a car hit him near the USF campus. In a eulogy, Peng said his father had instilled in him a passion for world affairs -- and the ability to withstand pressure.

Peng graduated from Wuhan University and enrolled in what one college friend called the "Chinese spy university," the Institute of International Relations in Beijing. The school is run by China's Ministry of State Security and trains many MSS intelligence officers, according to national-security consulting firm Stratfor. Peng chose the institute for its academic quality and didn't become a spy, he said.

Even so, he said, "I know a lot of people in the ministry." The deputy director of American Research, Peng's department at the Beijing school, was Geng Huichang, now China's

minister of state security. Peng worked briefly for a research institute run by the security ministry and then left for the U.S., where he earned another master's from the University of Akron and a doctorate from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

The FBI kept tabs on Institute of International Relations alumni and interviewed Peng at Akron, he said. At Princeton, Peng got to know agent Nicholas Abaid of the FBI's Trenton office. Through contacts at Princeton, Abaid said, he identified Chinese students who might become helpful informants and cultivated them. Peng and Abaid often had lunch together and talked whenever Peng was about to return to China.

Mercurio would later call Abaid to ask about Peng. She "was feeling her way in the Chinese field," Abaid said. Now retired, Abaid said he gleaned little of intelligence value from Peng.

When Abaid asked Peng to keep in touch with the FBI in Tampa, Peng politely refused, he said, hoping that he had seen the last of U.S. intelligence agencies.

Collision Course

Peng left Princeton for an up-and-coming state school with palm trees instead of ivy. Founded in 1956, USF has an enrollment of 48,400 on three campuses, including 3,300 foreign students. It prides itself on research and entrepreneurship and ranked among the top 15 universities worldwide from 2010 through 2013 in U.S. patents granted.

It is also one of 20 schools designated by the U.S. government as Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence. USF has received \$1.5 million to train students for certificates in national and competitive intelligence, and placed 40 interns with security clearance at the U.S. State Department and Defense Intelligence Agency, said Walter Andrusyszyn, who runs the university's program.

USF has made "a healthy transition from a university that was anti-military, anti-intelligence to one that wants a partnership," said Andrusyszyn, a former State Department official who served on the White House's National Security Council.

Dianne Mercurio would test that partnership.

Mercurio grew up in Mauldin, South Carolina, where she was a member of her high school's cross-country, basketball and track teams, winning a state championship at 800 meters. She majored in psychology at the University of North Carolina, graduating in 1990. Delmer Howell, her high school track coach, said he wasn't surprised that Mercurio became an FBI agent. "She has the kind of intelligence and perseverance they're looking for," he said.

While Mercurio forged her FBI career, Peng became a U.S.

citizen and earned tenure at USF. He offered courses in Japanese business, U.S.-China relations, and other topics, and won an award for outstanding teaching. He supplemented his USF salary by teaching mid-career business students in China, starting at Nankai University in 2005. He impressed students in both countries by rattling off the population of any country they named.

Through his Chinese connections, Peng helped USF establish the first Confucius Institute in Florida, with Nankai as its partner. Hanban, an affiliate of China's education ministry, operates almost 450 of the institutes worldwide, including more than 90 in the U.S., each with a partner school in China.

An instrument of "soft power," as former Chinese President Hu Jintao described them in a 2007 speech, the institutes, named for the revered philosopher, have become academic lightning rods. In June, the American Association of University Professors urged schools to break from the institutes unless they could gain control from Hanban over all academic matters. The faculty union said host schools allow the institutes "to advance a state agenda" by recruiting and controlling staff, choosing curriculum and restricting debate.

Later, the University of Chicago and Pennsylvania State University cut ties with their Confucius centers.

Hanban officials in the U.S. and China didn't respond to e-mailed questions.

As director at USF, Peng choreographed the institute's opening ceremonies in 2008, attended by the Chinese consul general from Houston and featuring a lantern-festooned dinner, a magic act and a boat tour of Tampa Bay. Peng ramped up the institute's course offerings and opened a cultural center. Then, in 2009, his career came crashing down, and the FBI re-entered his life, not necessarily in that order.

Bondage

In March of that year, Xiaonong Zhang, then the institute's associate director, complained to the university that Peng was mismanaging the institute financially, requiring staff help with personal chores, and making inappropriate sexual advances and comments to visiting Nankai professor Baojing Sang and other women.

Shuhua Liu Kriesel, a former institute employee, also came forward. She accused Peng of "leaning against her or placing his arm around her while she was working," and of asking her to buy clothes, wash dishes and fix meals for him, according to internal USF reports describing the women's complaints. Like Zhang, she expressed concern about Peng's behavior toward Sang. Peng said he treated employees well and that Kriesel, whom he had recently dismissed, and Zhang had grudges against him. He and Zhang had exchanged affectionate e-mails in 2007-2008,

addressing each other as Big Sea Elephant and Little Sea Elephant. Then they had a falling-out, both said.

Reached in China, Baojing Sang said Peng was a caring supervisor and didn't bother her. She was unaware that Zhang and Kriesel named her in their complaints, she said.

Peng was placed on leave from the institute, with pay, pending investigation. The allegations were "actually a setup of the FBI" to "coerce me into spying for them," Peng wrote in a 2012 racial-discrimination complaint against the university.

The university dismissed the discrimination complaint. Senior Vice Provost Dwayne Smith said his office "has not one shred of evidence that the FBI was in contact with the two employees that brought forth concerns about Dr. Peng's conduct."

Zhang and Kriesel said they had no contact with the FBI.

University phone logs obtained through a public-records request indicate the FBI's Mercurio was in touch with someone at USF before Kriesel and Zhang complained. They show 12 calls from Mercurio's mobile phone to one or more USF numbers in January and February 2009. The university redacted the numbers, citing an exemption in Florida public records law for disclosing anything that could identify a confidential informant.

At their first meeting, Mercurio told Peng she suspected the Confucius Institutes of spying, he said. Nationally, the FBI in 2009 was looking at that possibility, but decided it lacked grounds for a full investigation, according to a former federal official, who declined to be named because the inquiry never became public.

Peng told Mercurio she was wrong. China would never use the Confucius Institutes for spying, for fear that the U.S. would find out and shut them down, he said.

Mercurio went on to set up an e-mail address --

snowbox35@yahoo.com -- where Peng could contact her, he said.

Although the address doesn't name her, she typically signed her e-mails "Dianne."

She asked Peng to reconnect with former schoolmates and colleagues at the institutes run by the Chinese security service so he could gather information about China's foreign-policy strategies, he said. She also wanted to know about his Chinese friends working in the U.S., Hong Kong and Macau, he said. Those were potentially dangerous requests, and not just for Peng. Asking faculty to work undercover jeopardizes the access to research and the personal safety of all scholars, said James Millward, a professor and China historian at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

Peng put Mercurio off, saying he wanted to wait for the university's verdict -- the first in a series of what he described as delaying tactics.

His reluctance to spy on China was at least in part

practical. "I would rather rot in a U.S. jail than a Chinese jail," he once told his USF mentor, Harvey Nelsen, a former China analyst at the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency. USF closed the sexual-harassment investigation because Zhang and Kriesel didn't pursue their complaints. "I was tired of telling the unpleasant facts again and again," Zhang said. But the school continued looking into Peng, and its findings jeopardized his job and his freedom.

In August 2009, while searching his university laptop, USF's audit and compliance office found "a large cache of sexually related materials with disturbing thematic content," according to the school. USF Provost Ralph Wilcox removed Peng as Confucius Institute director.

The material, which included images of women in bondage, related to his academic research, Peng said. "SM and naked pictures are a very important part of the Japanese culture, and you do not fully understand Japanese culture without it," he said.

Shadowed by the FBI

University auditors dug into Peng's spending as well. He had bilked USF out of \$15,590 in entertainment and travel expenses, mainly by pretending that he was doing research or attending conferences when he was on vacation or teaching at Chinese universities, they concluded.

They also said Peng wrote letters supporting immigration applications for Chinese students and teachers that overstated stipends USF would pay them, boosting their chances of visa approval.

Peng did go to the disputed conferences, and the sums he promised students were subject to change, he said.

"It might be a bit right that I do not know the university procedures well and do not distinguish university and private business very well," Peng wrote in a response to the Audit and Compliance report. "However, I do it much to the favor of the university."

Separately, Peng's own department barred him from its graduate programs for three years because he gave answers from past exams to two Chinese students about to take the test. Peng said there was no rule against doing so, and it was common in China.

All the while, the FBI appeared to be keeping track of the auditors' investigation. Mercurio called the audit office three times on Oct. 20, 2009, including one call to the phone number of Kate Head, who conducted the Confucius Institute review. A draft of the report was sent to Peng on Nov. 10. Two days later, two calls were placed from Head's phone to Mercurio. Head declined to comment.

Mercurio and another FBI agent took Peng to lunch on Nov.

17 and discussed the Audit and Compliance report, e-mails show. The next day, Peng appealed to Mercurio.

“If the final report is very bad and I am severely punished, I will be in a very weak position to help you because I will surely lose my reputation in China,” Peng wrote to the snowbox Yahoo address. “If you can help me and my status and reputation are kept, I promise I can do a lot for you.”

“There probably isn’t much I can do,” she responded.

“However, let me know your status, and if I can help you, I will.”

According to Peng, Mercurio suggested he consider a venture outside academia, running a front company that the FBI would establish and fund. Peng said he persuaded her it wouldn’t work because he needed affiliation with USF and the Confucius Institute or he couldn’t do what the FBI wanted -- get closer to Chinese government officials. The bureau regarded the institutes as “very good cover,” he said.

USF police called Mercurio’s office twice on Dec. 17, 2009; one conversation lasted more than 14 minutes. The final Audit and Compliance report came out on Jan. 28, 2010. It said auditors had referred Peng’s alleged theft of public funds and immigration fraud to university police. Mercurio talked to USF police for 12 minutes that day, according to phone records.

“It is my understanding that she is asking USF police to not do anything with their case until she can assess your situation,” Peng’s criminal lawyer, Stephen Romine, wrote to Peng on Feb. 17, after speaking with Mercurio.

‘We Are Dependent on Her’

University officials were appalled by the audit report.

President Judy Genshaft, General Counsel Steven Prevaux and Provost Wilcox “wanted to put you in jail for what is in the Head report,” Steven Wenzel, Peng’s civil lawyer and a former USF general counsel, told him later by e-mail.

In early March, Mercurio met with Peng and Romine, according to e-mails. They agreed that Peng would cooperate with the FBI on “national security issues,” and Mercurio would advocate for him with the university, Peng said.

Periodically, Wenzel updated him on the progress of “our friends,” the lawyer’s euphemism for the FBI. After a faculty panel was convened to review Peng’s case, Wenzel told Peng that “our friends and I are working to get this thing stopped but that is taking longer than I had hoped.”

Mercurio is “the only one to get USF to budge,” Wenzel wrote Peng in August 2010. “We are dependent on her.”

As Mercurio negotiated with the school, she debriefed Peng about his trips to China and pressed for information about Tampa’s Chinese community. She sought his advice on how to induce other Chinese-Americans, including professors and

businessmen, to cooperate with the bureau, he said. They would meet, sometimes with other FBI agents, far enough from the USF campus that passers-by wouldn't recognize Peng, typically at an Olive Garden or airport hotel.

Perhaps stroking his ego, Mercurio assured him that his insights would go directly to President Barack Obama, Peng said. Peng said he offered his views on China's Taiwan policy and other general topics but avoided names and specifics as much as possible. While rejecting the FBI's request to take a lie detector test, he accepted several thousand dollars for China travel, he said.

"I am willing to serve my country utilizing my special capacity and resources. But I have to be treated in an honorable and fair way," he e-mailed Mercurio on Aug. 11, 2010. He told her it was "impossible for me to make more concessions. Even if you and USF can twist my arms and force me into a more unfair deal, it is going to hurt our common course in the long run. Please let USF not to mistreat me further."

Mercurio lashed back. "Your assistance to my office is not considered substantial, only minimal at this point," she wrote. "Therefore, understand that I have stuck my neck out for you thus far, knowing that substantial assistance may never happen. A thank you, instead of a list of demands, would be nice for a change."

Endgame

On Aug. 24, 2010, Peng and the university settled the allegations against him. It fined him \$10,000 and suspended him from December 2010 to December 2011 without pay, preserving his tenure, which the school had threatened to revoke.

Asked if the FBI helped save Peng's job, Wenzel said, "That's about right."

Peng said FBI agents told him that they were able to influence the university on his behalf because the school was grateful for the bureau's work on a 2003 indictment of USF professor Sami Al-Arian. He would later plead guilty to conspiring to fund a Palestinian terrorist group. USF had called off a deal to buy out Al-Arian for almost \$1 million, possibly because it was expecting the indictment, said Robert McKee, his lawyer at the time.

The FBI had no effect on Peng's punishment, university spokeswoman Lara Wade-Martinez said. USF consistently told the FBI it would "make its own determination" regarding Peng, whose discipline was appropriate and consistent with past practice, she said in a statement. USF's Genshaft and Wilcox declined to comment.

Peng wasn't charged criminally, even though USF Police Detective Jeff Collins said in an interview that there was enough evidence to do so. The school police didn't pursue

charges because Peng and the university reached a settlement, Wade-Martinez said.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement closed an investigation into Peng's alleged falsifying of visa documents without taking action, according to Tamara Spicer, spokeswoman for the agency's Tampa office.

After the settlement, Mercurio unsuccessfully prodded the university to facilitate Peng's access to Chinese officials, e-mails show. Mercurio and an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency went to see Karen Holbrook, then a USF senior vice president, to vouch for Peng, Holbrook said. Mercurio called Holbrook's office eight times from Oct. 15 to Dec. 1, 2010. CIA spokesman Ryan Trapani declined to comment on Peng's case and said the agency "has developed a strong relationship with academia."

In 2011, Nankai University withdrew from the Confucius Institute partnership, citing threatening e-mails it received from anonymous "overseas Chinese" in Tampa. The e-mails said Peng had "made great sacrifices for the motherland" yet was being persecuted by USF, Nankai and the FBI. Nankai said Peng wrote them himself, which he denied. USF blamed Peng and suspended him again, this time for two years without pay, beginning in June 2013.

While waiting for his suspension to end in August, Peng earns a living by teaching in China. Although suicide was on his mind when Mercurio knocked on his door, he said he decided to emulate his father and persevere through adversity. He hopes to start a Chinese business center for U.S. universities.

Peng has largely given up scholarly research. With his reputation in tatters, nobody would publish his work anyway, he said. He presents his travails as a case study in U.S.-Sino misunderstanding to his classes in China.

In response to his second suspension, Peng filed a grievance accusing USF of retaliating against him for refusing to spy on China. It was "by far the most exotic case we've ever had," said Robert Welker, the faculty union's negotiator. USF rejected his grievance and an appeal.

Senior Vice Provost Smith had warned union leaders that the government had enough evidence to put Peng in prison for 20 years, said Welker and Paul Terry, then union president. How did he know that? Smith's comment was "speculative," said Wade-Martinez, the school spokeswoman, because he "was never in communication with the FBI."

Terry said he couldn't understand why USF hadn't fired Peng, but suspected the school was worried that its dealings with the FBI would become public if he were dismissed. Terry recalled telling a colleague at the time that Peng "must have something on the university."

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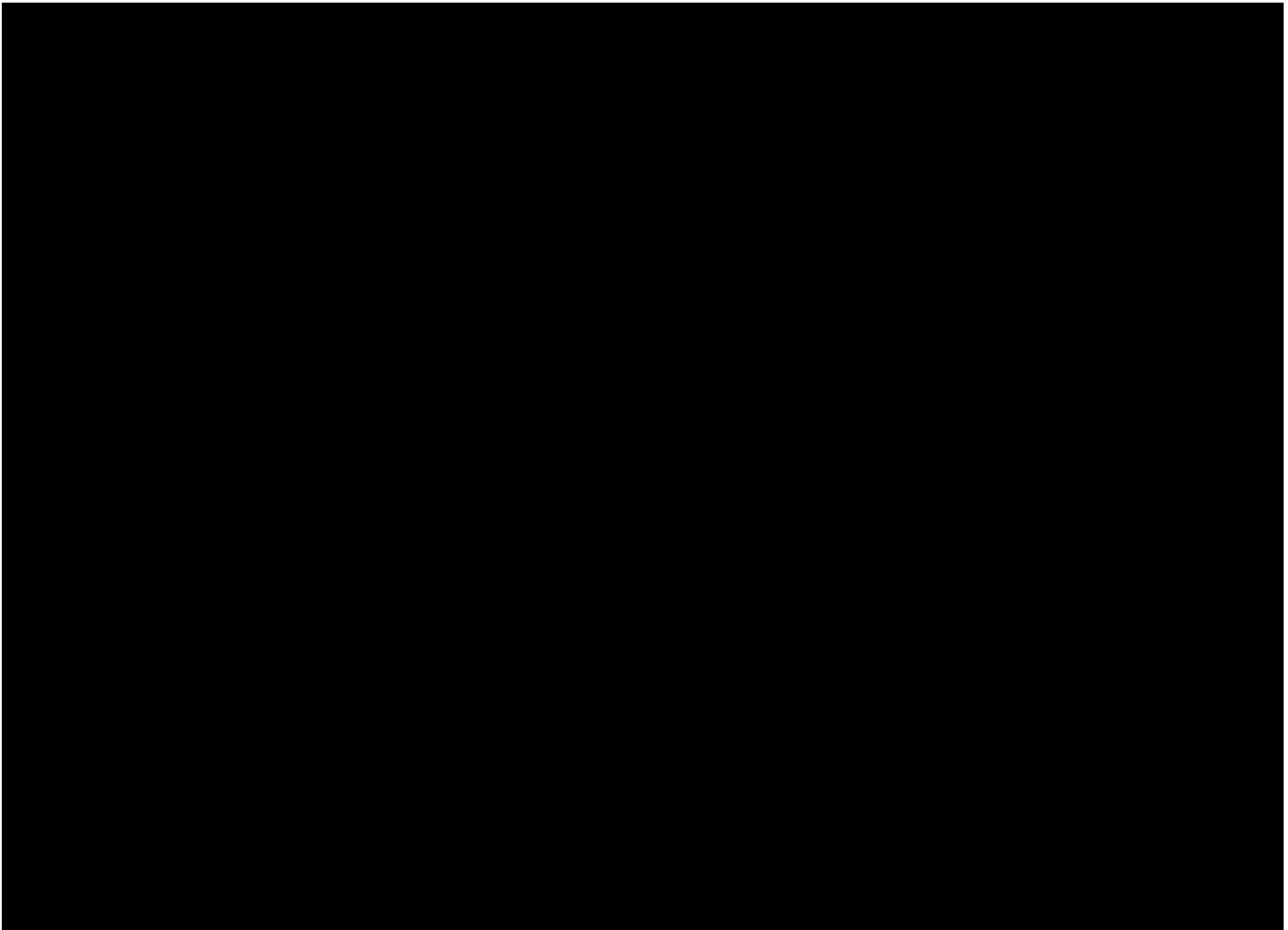
Glad to hear that Bei Chen will accept our offer. I have the following issues which need your attention:

- 1) Since you are unable to have dinner with Prof. Porter and come to tomorrow's lecture, I wonder if you can have lunch with him on Friday.
- 2) Will Abby be able to go to attend the Confucius Institute conference this year? The conference is set for Dec 7-8. I just forward the preliminary notice

Please let me know

Best

Ming Dong



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Dennis,

Sharon Yang called relating a meeting in early September with you, Karen Trousdale and herself regarding [REDACTED] TA salary. She is of the understanding that you agreed to pay his TA salary, however, he has been paid by Confucius Institute.

Please let me know if I should let Sharon know he will need to continue on CI's cost center, or if you want me to change to our A&H cost center.

Thank you,

Dena Davis

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Hello everyone!

Charles' excellent recommendation and the thoughtful discussion initiated by it have prompted me to look at the number and range of lectures offered, albeit somewhat separately, by A&H. We have the following identifiable series:

- The new Ad Astra series sponsored by the Edith O'Donnell Institute for Art History (2-4 annually)
- Center for Values in Medicine, Science and Technology (3-5 annually)
- Comer Collection Lecture
- Confucius Institute (2 annually)
- Creative Writing Series of Lectures and Readings (2-3 annually)
- Einspruch Lecture, sponsored by Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies
- Anlin KU Lecture

In addition, we have occasional lectures sponsored by the School, specific programs (e.g. the recent History lecture cited by Natalie), Centers (e.g. The Center for Translation Studies). The History Track has suggested offering a series of lectures next year associated with the eventual search for a candidate to assume the Watson Professorship. As we begin planning the 2015-16 Arts and Culture season, we already know that we will offer at least 14 lectures in regularly sponsored series – and probably at least 3-4 more by invited speakers throughout the academic year. And don't forget our involvement with the Arts & Technology Lecture Series.

So let me offer two suggestions in the context of a looming larger discussion regarding the future of the School of Arts and Humanities.

First, to gather all of the regular series into one integrated announcement (and brochure) with an alluring title.

Add one or two more sponsored series to be included in that concept:

- A named lecture by a distinguished speaker invited from the outside world. Think after whom it should be named!
- Our version of the Kusch Lecture: a named lecture by a distinguished member of the A&H faculty about a subject that s/he has always wanted to speak. Think after whom it should be named!

I will do all possible, if you all agree, to endow these new lectures.

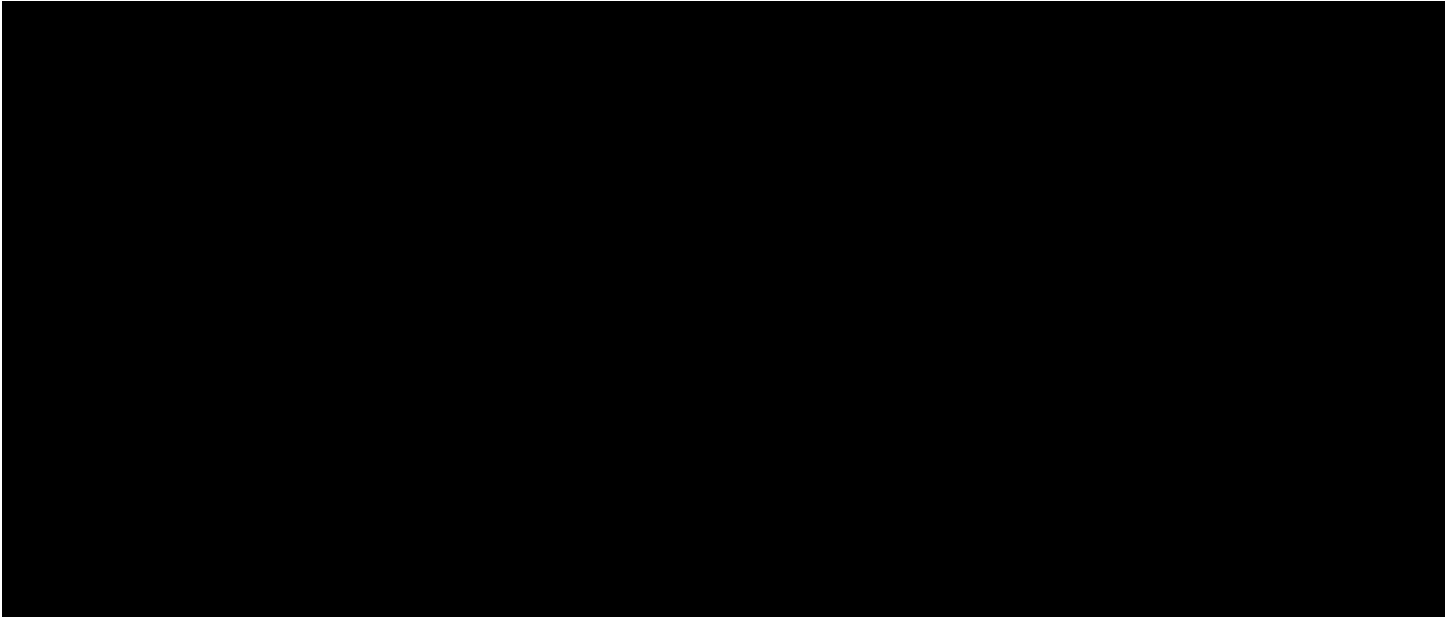
We will soon officially be at a moment of profound opportunity. A lively and challenging season of Arts & Culture will play a major role.

I welcome your responses.

All best wishes,
Dennis

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Anny and I plan to attend the Confucius Institute meeting.

I would be pleased to have dinner with Prof. Porter.

Best,
Dennis

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Dennis,

I received a message from Hanban, saying that because UTD Ci's work is brilliant this year, they have recommended our institute for the selection of model institute. I am soliciting your opinion on whether we should participate in the selection.

Best

Ming Dong

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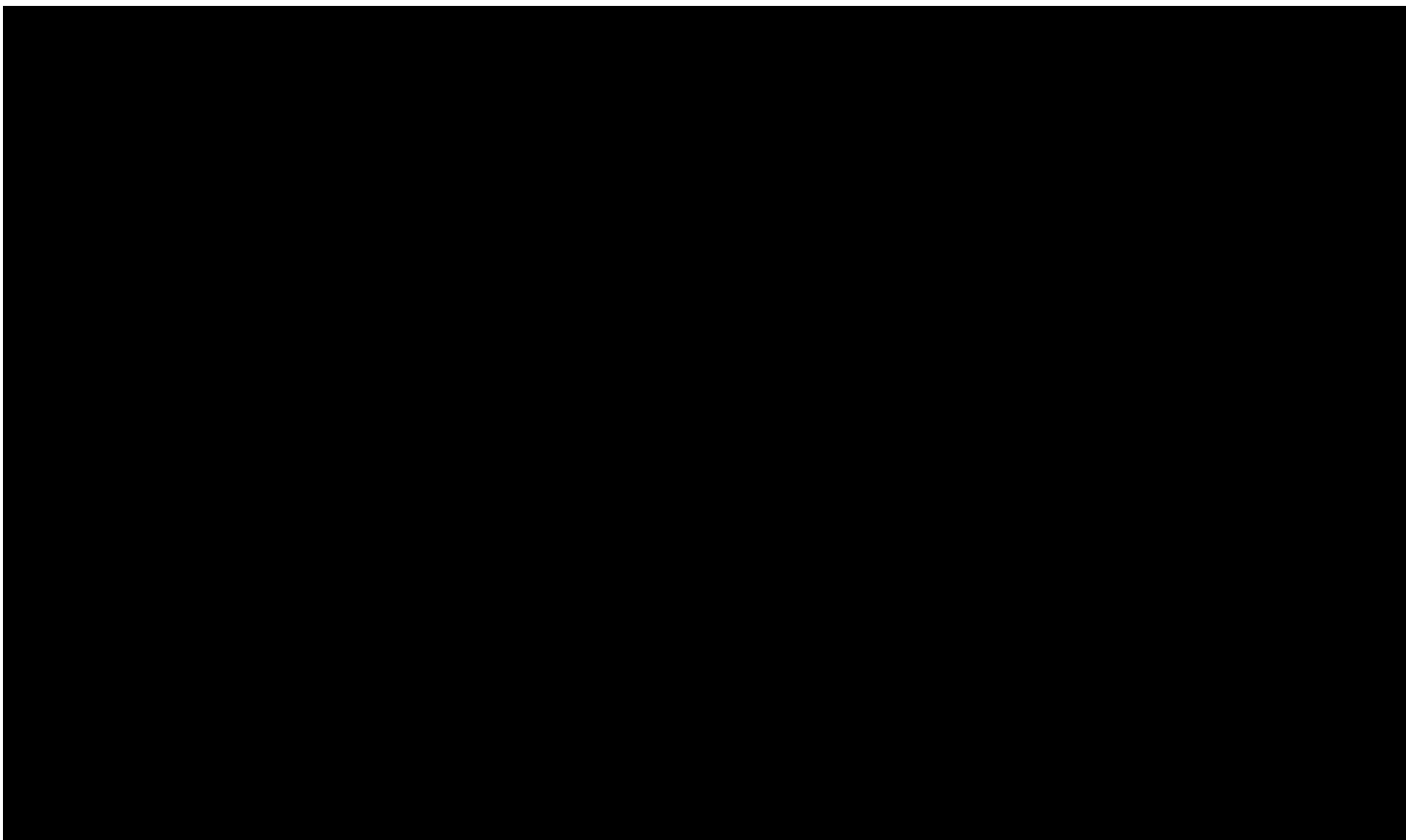
I would like to supply more information about lectures being offered in our school. The Confucius Institute at UTD has uninterruptedly organized a public lecture series for the past six years. We have invited eminent and world-class thinkers and scholars including J. Hillis Miller, WJT Mitchell, Jonathan Spence, and many others to talk about literature and culture in relation to China. I hope to see more of my dear colleagues at the lectures in the future.

Here is a **forthcoming lecture**:

Professor Michael Puett, the third most popular professor at Harvard University, will give a talk on "Why Classical Chinese Philosophy Still Matters in the Age of Postmodernism", to be held on **Feb. 26, Thursday at 7:30 in Jonsson Performance Hall**.

Thanks for your attention.

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-----Original Message-----

From: ah.fac-request@lists.utdallas.edu [<mailto:ah.fac-request@lists.utdallas.edu>] On Behalf Of Park, Peter
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 11:30 AM
To: Hatfield Jr, Charles; Kratz, Dennis
Cc: ah.fac@utdallas.edu
Subject: RE: [ah.fac] Fwd: ATEC Distinguished Lecture on January 28th - PLEASE READ

Dear Charles and All,

I think you've hit upon a great idea. The current level of interest from university and outside communities may not sustain a lecture series in literary studies on its own or historical studies on its own, but there may be enough combined interest in literary, philosophical, and historical studies with our other programs to warrant a new lecture series with literary and historical studies in the name. Some of the Ackerman Center, Confucian Institute, and Values Center's lecture events could be cross-listed, so to speak, with the speaker events of the new series. This would be an easy marketing move to give badly needed exposure to literary studies and historical studies at UTD.

Peter

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<http://www.sunypress.edu/p-5655-africa-asia-and-the-history-of-.aspx>

From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis](#); [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Cc: [Qianyuan Zhang](#)
Subject: RE: Draft invitation for VIP reception
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2015 5:17:12 PM
Attachments: [Invitation VIP reception for Award-2.docx](#)

I have shortened it with a slightly different title: "Invitation to VIP **Dinner** Reception: Celebrating Confucius Institute of the Year Award and **Other** Achievements". We ought to keep award. After all, this is what the Reception for.
Best,

Ming Dong



From: [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
To: [Gu, Ming](#); [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Cc: [Qianyuan Zhang](#)
Subject: RE: Draft invitation for VIP reception
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2015 2:54:03 PM

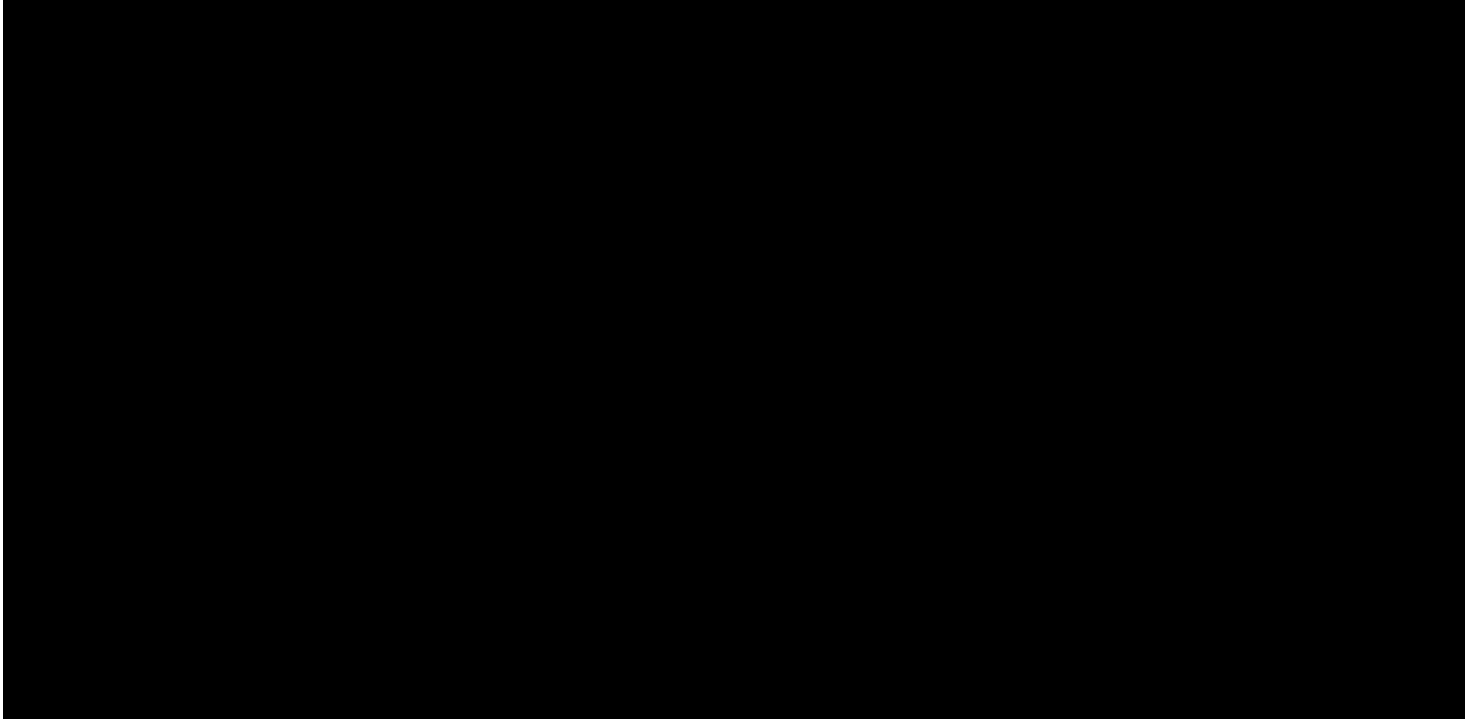
Dr. Gu and Dennis,

- (1) About the title, how about “Confucius Institute Celebration and Appreciation Banquet”? (a seated dinner can be a banquet, right?)
- (2) The invitation is a little bit too long, I think.
- (3) We probably need a keynote speaker who is strong and powerful enough to attract others to attend.

Thanks!

Sharon





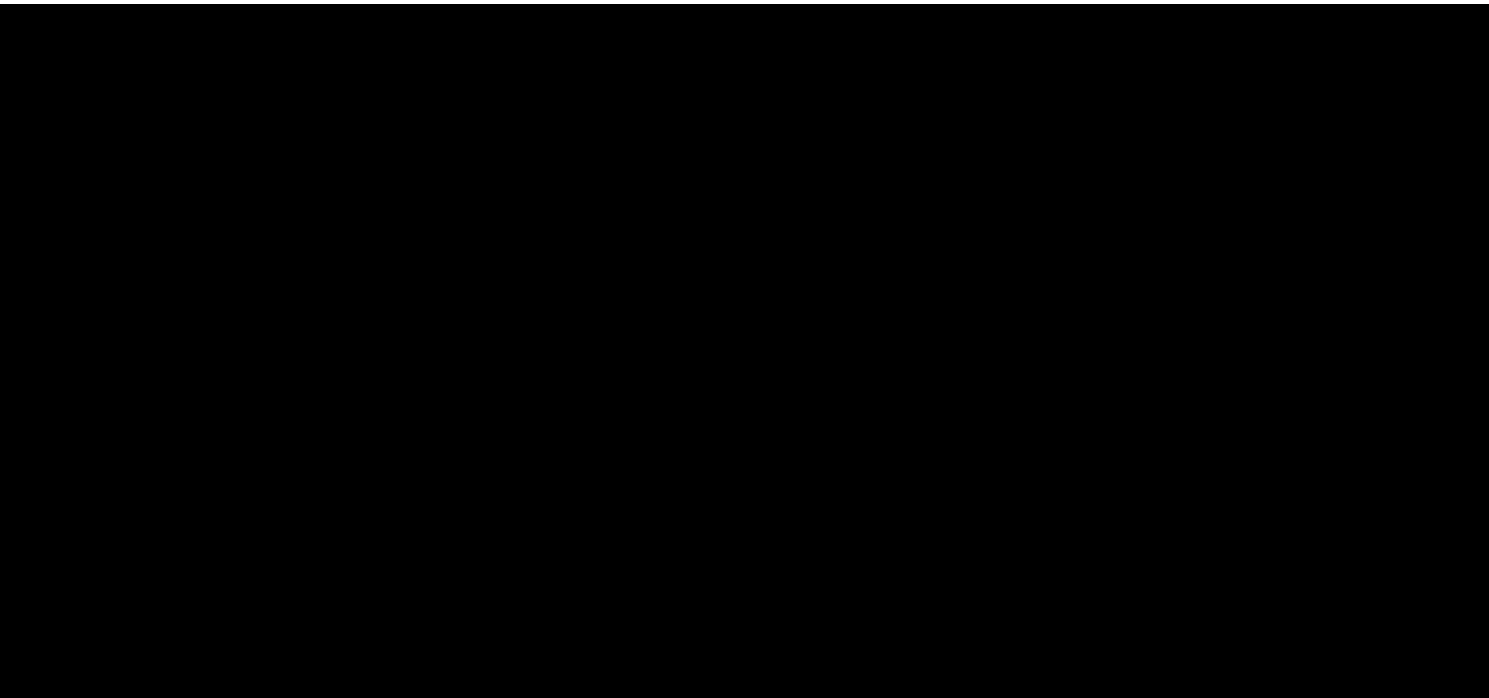
From: Gu, Ming <mdgu@utdallas.edu>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 10:01 PM
To: Stalling, Jonathan C. <stalling@ou.edu>
Subject: RE: Special Issue: Latest Development in Lu Xun Studies

Jonathan,

Thanks for your reply. How about organizing a forum on the impact of Lu Xun's thought on contemporary literature in celebration of Lu Xun's 128th anniversary of birth? 4-5 articles will do. With regard to translation fees, we no longer have any monetary resources after the Confucius Institute is closed. And I don't know where we are likely to get any financial assistance. Perhaps your journal's fund could take care of 4-5 articles.

Please let me know your thoughts.

All the best,
Ming Dong



From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: [Gu, Ming](#)
Subject: Shenzhen
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 9:10:16 AM

Dear Ming Dong,

Please pardon the slow reply. We have been dealing with the various discomforts and disruptions associated with the Winter Storm.

My thoughts inevitably returned to the trip we made to China years ago – when we took the last flight from DFW (to Chicago, as I recall) before the airport shut down. Our conversations on that and other visits have enriched my understanding of many subjects. Among the benefits for me and UTD of starting the Confucius Institute was your arrival in Texas.

I was delighted to learn that you have made it to China. As a traveler, you have some of the same qualities that characterize your scholarship: brilliance, persistence and success.

As you probably have learned, the university will remain closed through today (Friday). Our lives are returning to normal. We have reliable electricity, heat and drinkable water

From your previous message, I assume you are still in quarantine. I know you will take full advantage of your time and resources there. Please continue to build and strengthen our relationship with the Chinese academic community. China remains and will only increase as the most important intellectual and creative partner for the Center (not to mention the nation). I will welcome your suggestions, as always, regarding speakers, meetings/conferences and academic relationships.

One further note: After conversations with Jacqueline Chao and Bob Stern (Geosciences), I am proposing an expansion of the concept for the proposed 2022 international conference. The display of mineral art and the idea of “Sculpted by Nature” that includes Scholars’ Rocks, will now include other treasures from the earth such as the “rare minerals” that are so important to the future of technology. I will send further thoughts soon but would appreciate your thinking of possible speakers on topics from ecology to philosophy.

With warmest regards and wishes for a successful sojourn,
Dennis

Dennis M. Kratz, PhD
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Director: Center for Asian Studies
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The University of Texas at Dallas

From: [weiping lu](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Subject: Thank you from HuaYun Chinese Music Orchestra
Date: Monday, October 6, 2014 7:19:57 AM

Dear Dean Kratz,

I hope you are doing well!

As the head of Huayun Chinese Music Orchestra, I would like to thank you for your supportive presence to our concert on September 27. Our players were highly inspired by your kind encouragement and the positive feedback from the audience. It was a wonderful evening!

Honestly, the success of the show would not have been possible if without the support from you, from the Confucius Institute, and from the School of Arts and Humanities. In fact, the connection between Huayun orchestra and UTD goes back to a long way: our conductor James Wang, along with the erhu players Zhe Tan and Jenny Wang, are all UTD graduates from different period; a current PhD student, Le Tang (Ray), who acts as a coordinator between the orchestra and the Confucius Institute, is absolutely an asset to our team. Last but not least, Ms. Sharon Yang's deliberation and endeavor greatly facilitated the eventual presentation of our music. Overall, we were highly impressed by UTD's abundance in artistic talent and administrative efficiency.

Meanwhile, I want to show my respect to our non-professional musicians who spent a lot of time to rehearse at weekends on a voluntary basis. Now that the concert was well received, I think their effort was largely paid off. In the future, we sincerely hope to contribute more to the art enterprise of UTD. Once again, many thanks for your continuous support to Huayun orchestra, and we look forward to our next performance at UTD with a bigger success!

Respectfully,

Weiping Lu, PhD
Associate Partner/Senior Consultant, CSC

From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: dfleck@dallasnews.com
Cc: [Kratz, Dennis](#); [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: the "Confucius Institute" Award
Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2015 5:20:47 PM
Attachments: [winner of Confucius Institute of year award.doc](#)

Dear Debbie,

At your request, I am sending you information about the "Confucius Institute" Award with a photo
You should also take credit for the award, as you have supported us all along.

Thanks,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jacqueline Anderson](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Subject: The Wellness Institute
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2015 1:13:02 PM

Dear Dennis,
I hope this finds you well!!

I would be honored if you, or one of your colleagues/associates at The Confucius Institute, would come to The Wellness Institute at the Crow Collection of Asian Art to speak in March, as either one of our experts for the Wellness Wednesday 101 Lectures (from noon to 1:00pm for any Wednesday in March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th), or to be our featured monthly expert in our Wellness Speaker Series on an evening in March (date to be determined) from 7:00-8:00.

This is our inaugural year at The Wellness Institute, dubbed by Director Amy Hofland as "The Year of Practice" and the theme for March is "The Art of Study".

It is my goal to bring in scholars such as yourself to talk about your particular area of study. The lectures will be filmed and posted on our Wellness Channel, so if you choose to discuss your most recent publications or research findings, it will be memorialized and publicized appropriately.

Below please find a video that describes our intentions for programming, as well as a listing of press for the new institute.

With genuine thanks for your consideration,
Jacqueline Anderson



https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_sRTxJ4c4czV1VkrkFvN0J4a3c/view?usp=sharing

Dallas Business Journal

http://www.bizjournals.com/dallas/blog/2015/01/crow-collection-announces-wellness-institute-names.html?ana=e_du_pub&s=article_du&ed=2015-01-14&u=vHKD5%20CJCISUsPkmHL8HOSWnBl&t=1421271274&page=all

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The Dallas Morning News

Deborah Fleck: Asian Culture & Community - The Wellness Institute
January 15, 2015

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/columnists/deborah-fleck/20150114-bush-institute-report-calls-for-action-against-brutal-north-korean-regime.ece>

Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau

<http://www.visitdallas.com/articles/view/Crow-Collection-Of-Asian-Art-Launches-New-Wellness-Institute-And-Announces-Jacqueline-Buckingham-Anderson-As-Director/1285/>

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Dallas Art News

<http://www.dallasartnews.com/2015/01/crow-collection-asian-art-announces-new-wellness-institute/>

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Dallas City and Press

<http://dallas.cityandpress.com/node/8972286>

<http://dallas.citybizlist.com/article/235962/crow-collection-of-asian-art-appoints-jacqueline-buckingham-anderson-as-director>

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<http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:pi71LXU9g0AJ:dfwliving.com/crow-collection-announces-wellness-institute-names-jacqueline-buckingham-anderson-director/+&cd=19&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us>

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From: [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
To: [Gu, Ming](#); [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Subject: VIP Dinner flow
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 2:58:09 PM
Attachments: [Confucius Institute VIP Dinner Procedure Flow.docx](#)

Dear Dennis and Dr. Gu,

In order to make the dinner more interesting, I combine our activities with the dinner. Please find the new Work Flow for the dinner. Let me know if there is anything to be changed. If not, I will send it to the all speakers and Chartwells.

Thanks!

Sharon

From: [Ouyang, Ronghua](#)
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Cc: [Gu, Ming](#)
Subject: 2018 ACPSS 24th International conference
Date: Friday, November 3, 2017 2:11:57 PM

Dear All,

Dr. Mingdong Gu, Director of Confucius Institute at UT Dallas, has confirmed that Confucius Institute at UT Dallas will co-host the 24th ACPSS International Conference in UT Dallas next year. We have looked at the calendar together, and have set a tentative conference time. It will be Oct. 26-28, 2018, last weekend of Oct. 2018. Is it fine with you?

We also start brainstorming the theme of the conference, such as Crisis, Challenges in Humanities, Globalization, etc. Here I would like you all provide your input on the Theme of the 24th ACPSS International Conference by "Replying All" to this email. Hopefully, we can have the theme determined soon, then we can start working on the sub-themes and draft of CFP.

Best

Ouyang

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From: [Xi Chen](#)
To: [Gu, Ming](#)
Subject: Confucius Institute at UTD
Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:12:07 AM

Dear Dr. Gu,

Greeting! This is Xi Chen with the Political Science Department at the University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley. As my area of specialty is Chinese Politics, I am writing to schedule an appointment with you to explore some collaborative opportunities with the Confucius Institute at UTD.

I am currently in Dallas area due to family relocation and have flexible schedule to meet between Monday to Wednesday every week.

Look forward to meeting with you soon!

Sincerely,

Xi Chen

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From: [Trevino, Christopher](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Cc: [Hanlon, Michele](#); [Barrus, Kristi](#); [Lorrain-Hill, Alex](#)
Subject: Confucius Institute Summer Rehearsal Hall (JO 1.216) usage
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 7:55:35 PM

Dean Kratz,

I wanted to make you aware of a situation that I encountered last summer while the Confucius Institute used the Rehearsal Hall for their summer camp. Multiple days I would find the Rehearsal Hall left open, lights on, packing tape all over the door, and the hall trashed with wrappers and other things. Confucius Institute promised that the hall would be kept up and all would be supervised when they made this request last year. With the marley floor being on its last few breaths, I wouldn't want anymore unnecessary wear and tear on the floor that would impact the Fall semester in there. I only bring this up to you because they requested to use the space again this summer and wanted to make you aware of the issues.

Thank you,

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From: [Harpham, Edward](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Subject: confucius institutes today
Date: Friday, August 14, 2020 3:44:14 PM

<https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/511863-chinas-confucius-institute-designated-as-a-foreign-mission-of-beijing>

sigh.... The world turns....

Ted

From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: [Gu, Ming](#)
Subject: Conversation
Date: Monday, October 9, 2017 10:24:48 AM

Dear Ming Dong,

I am of course more than willing to talk with you about anything from concerns to aspirations. I do want to assure you that the discussion about the China Studies idea was not at all personal. There are some important issues about separation from the Confucius Institute.

Let's talk soon,
Dennis

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Dean, School of Arts and Humanities
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The University of Texas at Dallas

From: [Gu, Ming](#)
To: [Jacqueline Chao \(jchao@crowmuseum.org\)](mailto:jchao@crowmuseum.org)
Cc: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Subject: Greetings and Request
Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 3:51:08 PM

Dear Dr. Chao,

This is Ming Dong GU, professor of Chinese and Comparative Literature at UTD.

At UTD, we have held the Confucius Salon: Forum on Chinese Culture for more than 10 years. Now, even though the Confucius Institute is closed, the forum is continuing under the auspice of the newly founded Center for Asian Studies. I wonder if you are interested in giving a talk at the forum. **If you are interested, please send me a topic related to Chinese culture. Preferably, a topic that is of interest to a general audience.**

Look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

Ming Dong Gu

From: [Elizabeth Redden](#)
To: [Gu, Ming](#)
Subject: Inside Higher Ed interview request re: Confucius Institute?
Date: Friday, April 6, 2018 11:13:36 AM

Dear Dr. Gu,

I'm a reporter here with Inside Higher Ed, and I'm working on an article following up on [today's report in the Dallas Morning News](#) that Texas A&M is terminating its Confucius Institute agreement in response to concerns voiced by two Congressmen in [a letter](#) they sent to various Texas universities that host the institutes (including UT Dallas) I was wondering if you might be available to discuss this today from your perspective as director of UT Dallas's Confucius Institute. Please let me know if you'd be available for an interview, and thank you,

Elizabeth Redden

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From: [Taian](#)
To: [Gu, Ming](#)
Cc: [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
Subject: Insurance for Confucius Institute at UT Dallas
Date: Friday, August 25, 2017 3:10:46 PM

Dear Director Ming Dong Gu,

A new school year is coming, and many Confucius Institutes are having new teachers come to the US. In May of 2015 the US Department of State (USDOS) changed the required insurance for J visa holders. I thought it was worthwhile to send you current information about our services and availability to assist.

Confucius Institute Chinese teachers come to the States with J1 visas, and as a result their exchange program requires that they have medical insurance that meets the USDOS standards. International Medical Group (IMG) is a worldwide leader in the International medical insurance business, and Taian Financial LLC is an IMG Endorsed Independent Chinese Sales Center. Taian Chinese and English professionals can help your teachers get an appropriate plan that meets their needs and USDOS standards.

Since the USDOS changed their required insurance coverage, it's a good time for everyone to review their insurance to make sure they are in compliance with the new standards. IMG Taian Patriot Exchange (Taian Plan B) is specifically designed for J visa and F visa holders. Plan B with \$100,000 benefit per illness or injury is the most affordable plan that meets the new USDOS standards. Many Chinese teachers choose Plan B with a \$250,000 or \$500,000 benefit maximum to get better protection.

Taian has a special web page specifically for Confucius Institute Chinese teachers to purchase their insurance. The web page provides an introduction to the insurance plans and is available in both Chinese and English. Please click the link below to enter the Chinese webpage, and click the language selection button on the top right of the page for English if you'd prefer:

taianfinancial.com/#cnkongutdallas

The website is very easy to use. After your teachers click on the link, they will see Chinese Purchase Guide and a purchase link.

I believe we have a common goal to help the Chinese teachers have the right insurance plans. Please contact me to discuss the best way that we can work together.

Thank you for your consideration, and I am looking forward to hearing from you!

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cc:

Sharon Yang
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From: [Frank S Zhou](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Subject: Podcast on Confucius Institute Politics
Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 12:17:03 AM

Hi Dr. Kratz,

Hope you're well!

Came across [this podcast episode from the Los Angeles Review of Books' China Channel](#) that is an excellent listen on the current climate of Sino-US educational exchange.

17:03-27:03 address the influence of academic creativity on science/humanities scholarship in both countries. **21:25** discusses Confucius Institutes. Just thought it might be of interest!

With curiosity,
Frank

From: [Roth, Phil](#)
To: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Subject: Two questions
Date: Friday, August 14, 2020 8:19:31 AM
Importance: High

Hello Dr. Kratz,

I hope you are doing well in these COVID times...

I have a couple of questions for you:

1. We received a media inquiry about the Confucius Institute. I am going to tell the reporter that we no longer have an institute. However, as I did a Google search, I found the Facebook page for our Confucius Institute. The last posting on the page was in November 2017, so I can explain that we no longer have the institute. However, it might be good to take that page down to help with future questions we may get.
2. I am writing a retirement story about Fred Turner. Would you have some time soon to talk with me about him?

Thank you,

Phil

Phil Roth

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From: [Yang, Xiaohong](#)
To: [Gu, Ming](#)
Subject: 孔院大会已帮你报名
Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 9:19:55 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: [Benson, Richard](#)
To: Joshua_flynn-brown@finance.senate.gov
Cc: [Spreitzer, Sarah](#); AVargas@ACENET.EDU; [Goodfriend, Kimberly](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Musselman, Inga](#); [Shaw, Timothy](#); [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Subject: FW: Invite to FBI Briefing on Confucius Institutes
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:50:51 AM
Attachments: [Invite to May 7 2020 FBI briefing on CIs.pdf](#)
[Letter to Senator Grassley - March 11 2020.pdf](#)
[Confucius Institute.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Flynn-Brown,

Please see the email exchange, below, and attachment regarding an FBI briefing, hosted by the American Council on Education, for universities with Confucius Institutes.

Please be aware that The University of Texas at Dallas closed its Confucius Institute on September 1, 2019.

I also attach a letter sent to Senator Grassley on March 11, 2020 informing him of the same. This was prompted by the Senator's letter of March 10, 2020, which is also attached.

Thank you for updating your records.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Benson, President

The University of Texas at Dallas

From: Benson, Richard
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:31 AM
To: 'Spreitzer, Sarah' <SaSpreitzer@ACENET.EDU>
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Subject: RE: Invite to FBI Briefing on Confucius Institutes

Thank you, Sarah. We will make sure that Senator Grassley's office is aware of our post-CI status.
Sincerely, Richard Benson

From: Spreitzer, Sarah <SaSpreitzer@ACENET.EDU>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>

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Subject: Re: Invite to FBI Briefing on Confucius Institutes

President Benson,

Thank you for your email.

Please feel free to skip the webinar with the FBI, but I would encourage you to reach out to Senator Grassley's office (Joshua Flynn-Brown is the relevant staffer, Joshua_flynn-brown@finance.senate.gov) because UT Dallas received one of the letters (see: <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-schools-confucius-institutes-are-fronts-chinese-propaganda-just-ask-fbi>).

You should inform Joshua that UT Dallas has closed their Confucius Institute (if you haven't already done so) so you don't receive any further inquiries from their Senate office.

Thank you,

Sarah

Sarah Spreitzer, Director
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Subject: FW: Invite to FBI Briefing on Confucius Institutes

Dear Ms. Spreitzer,

At The University of Texas at Dallas, we have received Mr. Mitchell's request that we attend an FBI briefing to (quoting Mr. Mitchell quoting Sen. Grassley) "fully understand the academic research and national security threats posed by the Chinese government-backed organizations operating on campus." See below and attached.

Please be aware that UT Dallas closed its Confucius Institute on September 1, 2019. We also have good engagement with our local FBI field office.

In light of this, do you still want UT Dallas on the videocall on May 7?

Sincerely,

Richard C. Benson, President

The University of Texas at Dallas

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Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:57 AM
Cc: Spreitzer, Sarah <SaSpreitzer@ACENET.EDU>
Subject: Invite to FBI Briefing on Confucius Institutes

Dear all,

Please see the attached invitation to an FBI briefing on Confucius Institutes, in response to Senator Grassley's March 11 letter on the same issue. If you have any questions, please contact saspreitzer@acenet.edu.

Best Regards,

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To: [Benson, Richard](#)
Cc: [Spreitzer, Sarah](#); AVargas@ACENET.EDU; [Goodfriend, Kimberly](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Musselman, Inga](#); [Shaw, Timothy](#); [Kratz, Dennis](#)
Subject: RE: Invite to FBI Briefing on Confucius Institutes
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:18:27 PM

Thanks, Richard. I have no record of having received a response to my follow-up, which is why I raised it here. Your team also didn't apprise me of the change in the website. Not faulting anyone, just pointing out the facts as I know them. Certainly fair to ask questions – that's what the taxpayer pays us to do.

Josh

From: Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>
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To: Flynn-Brown, Joshua (Finance) <Joshua_Flynn-Brown@finance.senate.gov>
Cc: Spreitzer, Sarah <SaSpreitzer@ACENET.EDU>; AVargas@ACENET.EDU; Goodfriend, Kimberly <kimberly.goodfriend@utdallas.edu>; Martin, Rafael O <rafael.martin@utdallas.edu>; Musselman, Inga <Inga.Musselman@utdallas.edu>; Shaw, Timothy <Tim.Shaw@utdallas.edu>; Kratz, Dennis <dkratz@utdallas.edu>
Subject: RE: Invite to FBI Briefing on Confucius Institutes

Dear Mr. Flynn-Brown,

Yes. We changed the web site, which had the statement open to misinterpretation. Let me emphasize, yet again, [UT Dallas closed its Confucius Institute on September 1](#). The CI does not continue in any guise at UT Dallas.

I would further add, that I had thought that we had responded sufficiently to your March 11, 2020 email message by striking the sentence on the web page that caused the confusion. You may recall that we've all been a little preoccupied since January with fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Center for Asian Studies – note that it is Asian studies not just Chinese studies – examines many aspects of Asian culture, focused on literature and art, and has at it heart the recent acquisition of the Crow Collection of Asian Art. A news story can be found here:

<https://www.utdallas.edu/news/philanthropy/crow-family-donates-asian-art-collection-funding-for-new-museum-to-university/>

The Center for Asian Studies at UT Dallas has no connection to the Chinese government.

Before the September 1 closure of the CI, we received repeated demands to close it. The phase-out at UT Dallas began six months prior, as our agreement called for.

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I am growing rather exasperated that our acquiesce to your wishes doesn't get acknowledged.

Rather, we get yet another demand from Senator Grassley's Office to prove that we do not have a Confucius Institute or a CI in disguised form. We don't.

Please, we have done what you have asked! A misunderstood statement on an obsolete web page doesn't change that fact.

Sincerely,

Richard Benson, President

The University of Texas at Dallas.

From: Flynn-Brown, Joshua (Finance) <Joshua_Flynn-Brown@finance.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:01 PM
To: Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>
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Subject: RE: Invite to FBI Briefing on Confucius Institutes

Thanks. One of your assistants sent the letter to me on March 12, 2020. I responded, copied below. I never received a response; however, the website link posted below now produces a different webpage than it used to. I've attached the webpage that used to be associated with the link.

"Thank you very much for the letter. I'd like to point to the following link which says that your school's Confucius Institute "live[s] on" and the new CAS "embraces and extends" the previous work done by the CI. Can you explain in light of the letter denying that one exists?

<https://www.utdallas.edu/asianstudies/>"

From: Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Flynn-Brown, Joshua (Finance) <Joshua_Flynn-Brown@finance.senate.gov>
Cc: Spreitzer, Sarah <SaSpreitzer@ACENET.EDU>; AVargas@ACENET.EDU; Goodfriend, Kimberly <kimberly.goodfriend@utdallas.edu>; Martin, Rafael O <rafael.martin@utdallas.edu>; Musselman, Inga <Inga.Musselman@utdallas.edu>; Shaw, Timothy <Tim.Shaw@utdallas.edu>; Kratz, Dennis <dkratz@utdallas.edu>
Subject: FW: Invite to FBI Briefing on Confucius Institutes

Dear Mr. Flynn-Brown,

Please see the email exchange, below, and attachment regarding an FBI briefing, hosted by the American Council on Education, for universities with Confucius Institutes.

Please be aware that The University of Texas at Dallas closed its Confucius Institute on September 1, 2019.

I also attach a letter sent to Senator Grassley on March 11, 2020 informing him of the same. This was prompted by the Senator's letter of March 10, 2020, which is also attached.

Thank you for updating your records.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Benson, President

The University of Texas at Dallas

From: Benson, Richard
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:31 AM
To: 'Spreitzer, Sarah' <SaSpreitzer@ACENET.EDU>
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Subject: RE: Invite to FBI Briefing on Confucius Institutes

Thank you, Sarah. We will make sure that Senator Grassley's office is aware of our post-CI status.
Sincerely, Richard Benson

From: Spreitzer, Sarah <SaSpreitzer@ACENET.EDU>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>
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President Benson,

Thank you for your email.

Please feel free to skip the webinar with the FBI, but I would encourage you to reach out to Senator Grassley's office (Joshua Flynn-Brown is the relevant staffer, Joshua_flynn-brown@finance.senate.gov) because UT Dallas received one of the letters (see: <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-schools-confucius-institutes-are-fronts-chinese-propaganda-just-ask-fbi>).

You should inform Joshua that UT Dallas has closed their Confucius Institute (if you haven't already done so) so you don't receive any further inquiries from their Senate office.

Thank you,

Sarah

Sarah Spreitzer, Director
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American Council on Education
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From: Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Spreitzer, Sarah <SaSpreitzer@ACENET.EDU>
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Subject: FW: Invite to FBI Briefing on Confucius Institutes

Dear Ms. Spreitzer,

At The University of Texas at Dallas, we have received Mr. Mitchell's request that we attend an FBI briefing to (quoting Mr. Mitchell quoting Sen. Grassley) "fully understand the academic research and national security threats posed by the Chinese government-backed organizations operating on campus." See below and attached.

Please be aware that UT Dallas closed its Confucius Institute on September 1, 2019. We also have good engagement with our local FBI field office.

In light of this, do you still want UT Dallas on the videocall on May 7?

Sincerely,

Richard C. Benson, President

The University of Texas at Dallas

From: Vargas, Adriana <AVargas@ACENET.EDU>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:57 AM
Cc: Spreitzer, Sarah <SaSpreitzer@ACENET.EDU>
Subject: Invite to FBI Briefing on Confucius Institutes

Dear all,

Please see the attached invitation to an FBI briefing on Confucius Institutes, in response to Senator Grassley's March 11 letter on the same issue. If you have any questions, please contact saspreitzer@acenet.edu.

Best Regards,

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