

January 2005 Online Board Meeting

SICET President, Steve, called the online board meeting on January 20, 2005 to revisit and check the items that were discussed on November 2004 board meeting.

Steve (Jan. 20):

Dear All,

Hope you enjoyed your winter holidays and have a great started this spring semester. As I indicated to you at the conclusion of our last online meeting in early December, we will revisit the items we discussed and check on the progress. So, please let me call the meeting:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Online Journal

Leping sent out the Call for Papers and Call for Reviewers to the Board as well as our listserv last week. Please help her distribute these documents to wider audiences. Leping, please share additional info with the board regarding the online journal if you have any. Thanks.

Leping (Jan 24):

Journal progresses:

1. After the calls were sent out, I received four responses willing to serve on the review board. Two of them are very impressive (thanks to Dr. Wang's willingness to serve for the journal), and will be on the board; the other two are doc. students who I think need more writing experiences, and may be considered in the future. (Steve, do you have the contact of Zhao Yong? I would like to contact him and invite him to the board.)
2. No response from potential contributors. We may recruit some after SITE panel. I might invite some for the inauguration issue.
3. I still have problems logging onto our journal server, am working with the system person in our university.
4. I will have a temperate journal page setup for SITE panel (either on the journal server, or under my website temporarily), later will work with Mr. Qiu on the journal system.

2. Non-Profit Status for SICET

We passed the motion to have Ouyang to start the 503(c) tax exempt process. Ouyang, would you please share your progress and findings? Thanks.

Ouyan (Jan. 20):

Dear all,

I am sorry to report that it is stuck now. 501 (c) has a long form to fill in. Law firm asks us to do homework which I have brought up to you before. I guess the law firm has changed the mind about the fees. I called the law firm, it asks much more than we talked before. After I mentioned that we had agreed with \$250, the law firm excused that it was not the problem of money, it needed more detail information which we were asked to do more home work. Well, I think we should schedule a meeting at SITE to have a further discussion on this issue to see what we should pursue. We may go over the form together and file it by ourselves.

Any suggestions?

Best regards

Steve (Jan. 24):

Thanks for sharing the 503(c) progress with the board. I suggest you keep working on this and bring this up to the board meeting at SITE conference for further discussion.

What is the status of 2005 summer fellowship trip? Have you found any potential host institutions in China? Please share your progress with the board. Thanks.

Ouyan (Jan. 28):

Today, I receive a letter from office of secretary of state, GA. We are asked to renew the registration and pay the annual fee \$30. Please advice.

3. 2005 Annual Conference

Feng-Qi has distributed the Call for Proposal and Call for Reviewers couple weeks ago. Once again, please help her distribute these documents to potential participants and reviewers. In addition, please complete the Call for Reviewers form and return it to Feng-Qi if you have not done so. We expect ALL board members along with Leping, Simon, and Jihua to serve on the conference paper reviewers. Feng-Qi, please provide additional information about 2005 annual conference to the board if you will. Thanks.

Feng-Qi (Jan. 23):

Here is information about the work that I have been doing:

I have received the returned forms from Steve, Guoli, Grace, Lih-Ching, Chih-Hsiung, Tianguang, and Simon. I am expecting to hear from the others. Thank you again for your support.

I have posted web pages about SICET conference 2005 at conference.sicet.org. Thank Youmei for her help with server setup and for all her answers to the SICET server tech questions.

I provided Web design documents for the conference site including a flowchart and the storyboard to Geping's development team by the end of last semester. Geping's team has been working on this project since then. I received one question from Geping's team and answered their question. It seemed to me everything was going smoothly on that side. Geping provided updates yesterday that his team is expecting to do the testing of the conference site on 25th-26th this month. Thank Geping and his team for their great work on the conference site. I especially appreciate their time during their final exams.

Geping, please feel free to provide more information of your knowledge.

Geping, Jihua, and Simon have distributed the conference flyers in mainland China and HongKong. Thank our regional director and associate directors for doing this for SICET. I have already received two proposals.

I have received conference-program-planning meeting information from AECT. I am now on the AECT conference program planning listserv. We will soon have conference calls discussing 2005 conference program plan. I will provide you updates. I hope to get support from all of you. Please help distribute the conference information so that we will have sufficient proposals.

Steve (Jan. 24):

Thanks for sharing the report with the board. I think the annual conference is on the way and is in good hands. I appreciate your work as well as the efforts by Geping and others. Board members, please help Feng-Qi distribute the Call for Papers to anyone or organizations who may be interested in participating our conference. Also, don't forget to return the Call for Reviewer form to Feng-Qi. We need the support from every board member and officer in the conference.

Feng-Qi (Jan. 24):

Hi All,

This morning Geping and I had a conference call. The conference website is basically done. It looks great!! I am reviewing it, testing the functions, and will give Geping feedback this evening. They will complete this big project tomorrow before they go home for the winter break (Chinese New Year * exciting!).

Youmei, Geping will contact you about uploading pages to SICET home server and other things. Thank you for your support.

Geping (Jan. 26):

Dear ALL, The attached file is my report to board, please check it. Best.

(Click [Attachment](#) link to view the report.)

Feng-Qi (Jan. 26):

Hi All,

I sincerely appreciate Geping team's efforts on the development of SICET conference site. The site looks great. This morning Geping and I spent hours testing every link. Geping will inform his team to do some minor revisions. When the revision is done, we will send e-mail to the board. At that time, we will need everyone to be involved in the testing. I will let you know what you need to do.

Thank you Geping and please make sure to forward my thanks to your team!

Grace (Jan. 26):

Attached is my *very picky* feedback. :-)

(Click [Attachment](#) link to view it.)

Feng-Qi (Jan. 26):

Grace:

Very good comments. At our conference call this morning, we also found these issues.

Thanks!

Geping (Jan. 27, China time):

Hi Grace, Please check the [attached file](#).

Grace (Jan. 26):

Thanks, Geping. It is crystal clear to me now. Let us know when the system is ready for testing and I will be happy to dig out all the bugs. :-)

Geping (Jan. 27, China time):

Hi Feng-Qi,

The database of the SICET conference site has been cleared. And, the minor revisions have been done. It seems the testing can begin. Please notice the board how to test it.

Feng-Qi (Jan. 27):

Geping,

Thank you for letting us know that the system is ready for testing. Thank your team for their efficient work.

Hi All,

We need to test the system at the same time. However, it is not easy since we are all over the world. If you could, please do the following at 7:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) today. If you are not available at this time, then please complete this task by noon tomorrow. Mainland China is 13 hours ahead of EST.

- 1) Access: <http://202.202.96.72/lunwen/>
- 2) Those who originally came from Taiwan click Welcome in traditional Chinese and those who originally came from Mainland China click Welcome in simplified Chinese to enter the Proposal Submission page. Steve, I do not know which Chinese you are using.
- 3) Click Proposal Submission button to the Log in page
- 4) Click Registration and fill out the form.
- 5) Use the ID and PW that you have created for yourself to log in and submit a proposal (Please note: this is testing. Do not submit your real proposal at this time).

I will assign proposals for you to review when I received all your proposals. I will let you know how to do that when the first step is successful.

Your task is not just to submit a proposal. You need to take notes while doing this task, writing down whatever you feel is not user friendly or malfunctioning.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Youmei (Jan. 27):

Here is my testing results:

1. When I click SICET Home, I can't get back using browser back button in IE 6.0, Netscape is ok, but majority of users are using IE. This link can be target="_blank"
2. I can't submit registration form, I was prompted with an error message that doesn't make any sense to me (can't read it, it's not properly encoded)
3. I filled in all the required information to join sicet, after I clicked submit button, an untitled blank document displayed without any feedback message on it. Is it supposed to be like that? I submitted a blank form, it didn't prompt me to fill out the required information, and gave me a blank page too.
4. If Online Journal site is not ready, the link shouldn't be hot.
5. English version, on login page, Change your password? I submitted a blank page, it didn't give me any feedback prompt, but showed me a page cannot be displayed.

Suggestions:

1. Name each page title properly.
2. There should be an automatic submission feedback page after the registration form is submitted (actually any form).
3. Design suggestions for the future improvement: a. SICET logo should be on every page banner, the little house doesn't contribute anything to the site or the conference; b. too many font and color variations, the banner font should be the same across the whole site. c. There should be a contact information link on the site for those who might have questions other than joining sicet or submitting proposals. d. Add local _JavaScript to validate required fields before the form is submitted to the server database.

Thank you very much Geping and your team for your great job.

Feng-Qi (Jan. 28):

Youmei,

Thank you for your valuable input.

Geping (Jan. 28):

Hi Youmei,

Thank you for your feedback so quickly.

1. If you register as a author, you can access the following URL:

<http://202.202.96.72/lunwen/cn/web/login.htm>

And, click the 注册(Register) button, in opening form, you must fill in all information of marked "*", then click 提交(submit) button. After receive your mail, I try it and submit successfully.

2. It seems, the SICET Homepage and the Join SICET is previous system in SICET's server, the conference site link to there only.

Grace (Jan. 28):

Geping, The following comments are based on the Chinese Traditional pages using IE6.0. Let me know if you cannot duplicate the bugs I have reported.

1. For some reason, banner with the house reminds me of the Moon Festival, not an international organization.
2. To keep it consistent, should we also change the icon to "hand" when mouse-over [registration] and [login] (at this page <http://202.202.96.72/lunwen/cnt/web/login.htm>)
3. I don't know about the solution but those pop-up error message boxes are not readable in English windows. For example, if I click on [login] without entering anything in the username and password fields, I got a pop-up box with words in a different encoding that is not readable in English Windows.
4. Maybe we want to make the roll-over text color consistent. For example, when I roll over [SICET homepage] (on the left pane), the text changes to white. When I roll over [Simplified Chinese] (on the top right corner), the text changes to orange.
5. When I click submit on the sign up page (<http://202.202.96.72/lunwen/cnt/web/sign.htm>), it takes me right back to the login page (<http://202.202.96.72/lunwen/cnt/web/login.htm>) without validating my data and without any acknowledgement. However, when I tried to login using the username and password I just created, it worked.
6. After I login, I click on [modify personal information] (in the middle of the page to the right). First of all, in the membership id field, it displays four zeros (0000). Secondly, I made some changes and click on submit and was sent to this page <http://202.202.96.72/lunwen/cnt/web/renew.asp>, which cannot be displayed.
7. After I submitted my proposal, I was taken to this page <http://202.202.96.72/lunwen/cnt/web/confirmation.asp>. 1) I put some traditional Chinese characters in the description field during submission but it was

- displayed at this confirmation page as strange codes. I tried to change my browser for different encodings (traditional and simplified) but it was not displayed properly. 2) It was impressive. I submitted a Word file with traditional Chinese name and the system accepted it just fine. I was able to open it after the system has renamed it.
8. At the same confirmation page (<http://202.202.96.72/lunwen/cnt/web/confirmation.asp>) I click on [modify](at the very bottom of this page) and it takes me to this page(<http://202.202.96.72/lunwen/cnt/web/upload.asp>) but the problem is it displays all blank fields. The information I have entered previously was not carried over and displayed. Since it is suppose to be a modification, I suppose the system should display existing information and allow for modification.
 9. At the acknowledgement page (<http://202.202.96.72/lunwen/cnt/web/succession.htm>), what does [go back] and [return] mean? Click either one takes me back to <http://202.202.96.72/lunwen/cnt/web/indexcnt.htm> anyway.
 10. I went back to [register] and submit another registration with the identical username and password. The system did not give me any warning and again took me right back to the login page (as reported on #5 above). But now, when I try to use that username and password to login, the system gives me an error message, which again shows up in a box with unreadable codes.
 11. So now I cannot log back in, therefore the end of my testing.
 12. I don't know if the system plans to send out an email acknowledgement during each step - registration acknowledgement, proposal submission acknowledgment, etc. Since I have entered a wrong email (and the system failed to catch me), I couldn't test that part.
 13. I usually do not like scroll text box and at this page (<http://202.202.96.72/lunwen/cnt/web/zhinan.htm>), for example, I cannot print the entire content. If I do File-Print from the browser, it gives me one page. If I do right-mouse inside the scroll box, it still does not print out right (try it yourself and see if you could duplicate this problem)
 14. It would be nice when I log back in, I will be able to see all my submissions and make changes. There is no such function at this time.

Feng-Qi (Jan. 29):

Here are updates: AECT will have a conference call on the coming Tuesday about the details of this year's conference. No one will be able to access the site and see how many proposals have been submitted until next Tuesday. I still have not received all the returned forms yet. I will assign the proposals to you when the access is available. In

order to avoid inconvenience of assigning proposals to a wrong person, please send me your form by next Monday (Jan 31) if you have not done so. Thanks.

Thank Youmei and Grace for their valuable input about the SICET conference site. I have also received phone calls from others about the feedback. Please participate in testing the site and provide information about the bugs that you have found during testing. This task cannot be done without your participation. And we plan to use this system for the second phase of proposal submission.

Geping: Youmei and Grace' feedback was similar to mine that I provided during our phone call early last week. If you would like to further our discussion on the phone, please feel free to call me. I usually have some flexible time in the morning before 9:00 EST (13 hours behind yours). It is normal for a project of this scale to have defects. Nothing could be done perfectly at one time. I hope that your team will still keep high motivation for the project.

4. Dual memberships with AECT

I negotiated with Phil Harris for dual membership in December. He agreed that SICET members will receive 50% AECT membership discount (for both regular and students) from AECT. SICET will also give the same amount (50%) membership discount for AECT members who want to join SICET.

5. Membership Database

In the last meeting, Lih-Ching and Guoli agreed to work with Tianguang to develop the online membership database. Tianguang, I hope everything goes back to normal now after the terrible ice storm in Muncie last December. When will we collect the membership fee from each member? Would you please share your progress with the board? Thanks.

Tianguang (Feb. 1):

Hello everyone,

Would you please check the following page to see if we need to add or change something for the membership registration form? Right now, the results will be sent to me and Guoli. Because the server we rent is supporting PHP and MySQL. But I am not familiar with those. So it may take a while to set up the database driven page.

With regard to institutional and the corporate membership fee, here is the info from AECT. We may get some idea from it. Also, AECT charge more for new international members. The amount I put there was based on regular domestic (US) member (\$95). What should we do with this issue?

Corporate_membership \$400.00

New_regular_membership_(international) \$120.00

Institutional Membership Rates:

Category A \$240.00

Basic level, includes one primary contact person and one additional member (two memberships).

Category B \$430.00

Includes one primary contact person and three additional members (four memberships).

Category C \$620.00

Includes one primary contact person and five additional members (six memberships).

Category D \$810.00

Includes one primary contact person and seven additional members (eight memberships).

Sorry. Here is the address:

<http://www.sicet.org/membership>

Grace (Feb. 1):

1. The two places on this page that refer to IJTTL point to two different URLs.
2. I guess we also should make Zip code a required field
3. Why some fields have yellow background while others don't?

Steve (Feb. 2):

I agree with Grace's comments. In addition, I suggest to move the Row (Membership Type) BEFORE the last row "Join AECT" in the table. Furthermore, list 50% discount and provide the amount for joining AECT as a regular AECT member or student member in the "Join AECT" row.

6. 2005 Summer Fellowship

Summer Fellowship was approved by the board and Ouyang is in charge of this task. Ouyang, have you found any potential host institutions for the 2005 summer fellowship trip? Please share your progress with the board. Thanks.

Ouyan (Jan 24):

I am working on it now. I am looking for Yuannan this time. I will update it to you soon.

Ouyan (Jan 28):

About summer trip, I am working on that. Anyone has suggestions and can help. I have sent several email back to China to see whether they like to host the lectures. When I hear from them, I will update it for you.

7. SICET Web site

Many suggestions are provided for redesigning our new Web site in last meeting. Lih-Ching, when will new SICET Web site become available? We hope we can view the new site in our new server (www.sicet.org) soon. Please share your progress with the board. Thanks.

Lih-Ching (Jan. 21):

After the layover in the Winter break, I am back in the swing of campus life. I am putting the redesign of SICET website as a top priority once the initial hassle of the new semester settles down. I will report back to you sometime next week.

8. SICET Newsletter

The Jan issue of newsletter was sent out couple of weeks ago. Thanks to Youmei and many others for working hard on this. Job well done!

Grace (Jan. 21):

Youmei, I cannot remember if we have sent out the newsletter to the SICET listserv. I know it was sent to the board members.

9. SICET brochure

We decided to redesign the SICET brochure to promote SICET and recruiting members. Youmei, please share your progress on this with the board. Thanks.

Youmei (Jan. 22):

I have brochure design ideas. Early this month, I sent out an email to ask advice from board about the information on the brochure, didn't hear anything back. I guess, the old

content categories would be fine, right? Here, again I would like to hear from you, any ideas would be appreciated. Thanks in advance.

Steve (Jan 24):

If you have ideas for SICET brochure, please share them with Youmei at your earliest convenience. I think we need to have the brochures ready for the SICET conference.

Personally, I would like to see the SICET membership benefits on our brochure. Here are some benefits that Guoli and I suggested:

- Subscription to International Journal of Technology in Teaching and Learning (IJTTL)
- E-Newsletter
- Online membership directory
- Membership discount for AECT
- Eligible for Summer Lecture Fellowship
- Subscription to SICET listserv
- Online Services
- Submit papers for possible publication in IJTTL and presentation at the annual conference.
- Gain professional recognition and make valuable personal and professional contacts in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the US.

Grace (Jan. 25):

I like to add to the brochure that SICET is a graduate-student friendly organization; that we strive to mentor and support future scholars. In my point of view, we have more potential student members than others (because there are more students than faculty and staff). Therefore, certain portion of our efforts should cater to students (and junior faculty's) needs.

10. SICET server

Thanks for the excellent job done by Youmei, we now have a SICET server. The server will be used to host our main Web site, membership site, online journal, and annual conference. All of those who are responsible in these areas have already received the account, password, and access information. Hopefully, the server will provide better services to our members and increase the effectiveness and efficiency of SICET.

NEW BUSINESS

In mid-December, we decided to table the Advisor item as well as Institution/Corporate membership item until January meeting.

1. Advisor

Ouyang raised couple good questions in December. How many advisors will be invited? What geographical consideration? Ouyang suggested to have 2 from mainland, 1 from Hong Kong, 1 from Taiwan, 3 from US (total 7). Do we want to limit the number from each location? Is 7 a good number? If not, how many? Also, I think we need to think about the term for the advisor. 3-year term? 4-year term?... We should also consider selecting the advisors to serve staggered three-year or 4-year terms so we don't have all advisors coming in or going out at the same time.

What types of qualifications, experiences, and reputation, ..etc that we are looking for a SICET advisor?

I already received a list of 5 distinguished, well-known professors/scholars in China nominated by Jihua. We will discuss these nominations after we answer the above questions.

Gouli (Jan. 25):

We shouldn't limit the number from each location. The purpose of having Advisers is to extend and strength our network. As long as we keep the same high standard requirements for all the advisers, the more advisers we could have, the more benefits we should obtain from them. It's the quality but not the number we should limit.

Grace (Jan. 29):

Advisor - I don't know about the # of years. How do other organizations do? In terms of the number, I have an idea. I think the # of advisors should be well represented in proportion to the regional membership. For example, we could say for every x members in China, we will have I advisor. This way, we will have adequate advisors from each region to server its respective members. Why do wee need a advisor from, say Taiwan, if we do not have members from that region? I like the staggered idea.

Feng-Qi (Jan. 30):

It should be a great idea to have advisors well represented in proportion to the regional membership. However, when we now have a very limited number of members, this rule probably will not work as well as when we have a large number of members.

Our University Research Committee (URC) has a mentoring program. We post on the URC website the contact info of those who used to serve on the URC committee or have been awarded grants for their research projects. So when people have questions and need help, they can contact these people for answers. We can also have a web page where those who are willing to help our doctoral students can post their contact information and research interest. What do you think?

2. Institution/Corporate membership

I consider the same benefits to all organizations (whether they are academic institutions, companies or corporations, profit or non-profit organizations). However, I agree with Ouyang that we need to define the institution/corporate membership. What will be the benefits of Institution/Corporate membership? Does the institution/corporate membership cover the number of individual membership? What is the appropriate amount for the Institution/Corporate membership fee? Do you agree \$150 Institution membership fee suggested by Guoli and Feng-Qi.

Guoli (Jan. 25):

The benefits of Institution/Corporate membership should be similar as what the individual members, and covers the number of individual membership in that institution/corporate.

Grace (Jan. 29):

I do not have enough knowledge to comment on the Institution membership fee.

3. Associate Director for the East Region in China

Couple weeks ago, Feng-Qi recommended Yannan Shao from East China Normal University for this position. Her resume was forwarded to everyone for the board consideration. Geping raised a very good question. Will Yannan remain at East China Normal University after receiving her PHD in next couple months? I think Feng-Qi will provide the board additional information after she gets the response from Yannan.

Should you have additional items needed to be discussed by the board, please feel free to add them after the New business item 3. Thanks. Well, we have been working very hard on these items as well as many others for SICET. I want to thank everyone for what you have done for SICET. working together, we build better future for SICET.

Please share your progress report as well as your comments and suggestions regarding to above items before next Thursday (1/27). Thanks again.

***** Recommended East China Regional Associate Director *****

Feng-Qi (Jan. 23):

In her message, Yannan answered two questions: 1) "Why didn't our Southwest regional associate director know you as a Southwest Normal University faculty member?" and 2) "Where are you going to work after you receive your degree?"

I directly copy and past Yannan's response as follows: "I got my first formal job in Department of Educaiton in Southwest Normal University, Chongqing, when I graduated from the same school in the year of 2000, and two years later, that is, 2002, I have taken the lecturer position in Southwest Normal University. At the same time, I went to Virginia in the year of 2000, and then I went to East China Normal University to study for my Ph.D., I only went back Southwest Normal University at the vacations, and taught the students who want to get the teaching certificates. In China my situation is commonly Called "zaizhi"doctorate student, which means that I study for my Ph.D. degree in the school time, but I work during the vacations. Honestly, I also don't know the Regional Director, I guess it is probably the reason why he doesn't know me.

About the second question, now there is a problem, I am ready to let you know if you don't ask me this time. Dean Ding Gang, in East China Normal University, promised to let me take the position in Department of Educational Technology and Communication, and Chairman, Professor Ma, welcome me to work under his supervision. So last year, I took my spare time to do some job on Department of Educational Technology and Communication, responsible to translate the courses descriptions of the universities in America, interpreter the visiting professors from the aboard, and contact with the foragers professors. That is why I know your email address. But several days ago, Dean Ding said that he thought it was not proper to let me take the position in East China Normal University, the reasons for refusing me are mainly two: first, because I graduated from East China Normal University, it is disadvantage for the further development of the school, in Chinese called "jinqin fanzhi"); second, it is disadvantage for my academic

life, because Department of Educational Technology and Communication needs teachers who are technology specialists instead of persons who have the philosophical and theoretical backgrounds. Well, we all are shocked. I just came back from home and it is really a big news for me.

Now, the ways ahead me are two: finding another job in Shanghai or near Shanghai, second, continue to work at Southwest Normal University. I need time to think about these two options. There are lots of things being considered during I make my decision, like my own intention, my family's intention, the job chance in shanghai, and so on. Well, this vacation will be a difficult vacation for me, but I think everything will go well when it is time." I need to know if you will consider her as our regional associate director. I know the Dean that she mentioned in her message. According to my own experience with that Dean, I believe what she said is true.

Geping, Please keep confidential what Yannan said in her message. I do not want anything negative to happen to her that could affect her position at your university because of what she has provided in her message. Thanks.

Steve (Jan. 24):

As for the East China Regional Associate Director, I think we need further discussion. I am not sure the board can make the decision until Yannan knows her future. Apparently, we need someone in East China region to help promote SICET. So, it will not work if Yannan is not working in the East China region.

Feng-Qi (Jan 24):

I agree with Steve that we will not make the decision until Yannan knows her future. I will go to Shanghai Normal University this May. I will see if I can find someone there. This will be an alternative. I am working on it.

Guoli (Jan. 25):

Associate Director for the East Region in China Agree...we don't rush.

Geping (Jan. 26):

Hi ALL,

I agree with Steve and Feng-Qi that we will not make the decision until Yannan knows her future.

Grace (Jan. 29):

Associate Director for the East Region in China. China has so many people, I am sure we will be able to find someone who is suitable and stable. No need to hurry.

Graduate Student Mentoring Program:

Grace (Jan. 25):

A while back, I remember Feng-Qi and Chih-Hsiung was talking about start some kind of graduate student mentoring program. I would like to add that to the discussion in this board meeting.

Graduate student (and/or junior faculty) mentoring program. What could SICET do to mentor and support students and junior faculty?

What happened to that mentoring initiative? What difficulties did you two encounter in initializing it? Should we start such an initiative? If so, what kind? Your input is appreciated.

Feng-Qi (Jan. 26):

Graduate mentoring program is a good idea. It should be under the leadership of Director of Research. I will fully support.

Grace (Jan. 29):

Graduate student (and/or junior faculty) mentoring program. The first question is should we have one. If the answer is yes, then we have to work on the actual content of it. Has anyone experienced similar project in your institution? Maybe you could share your ideas on how we could proceed with this.