

International Student & Scholar Services

international student and scholar updates



Published monthly by International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS), the International Services Newsletter brings you updates on immigration rules and regulations, university services and programs, and conveys opportunities for campus and community involvement.

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IMMIGRATION UPDATE

USCIS has increased its application fees. The new fees will be effective for all applications filed on or after July 30, 2007. If you are interested in applying for OPT this summer, we encourage you to apply soon. The new fee will be \$340! Come see an advisor in ISSS during advising hours soon!

For more fee information on fee increase, visit www.uscis.gov

FORM	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT FEE	NEW FEE
I-765	Application for employment (OPT)	\$180	\$340
I-102	I-94 Replacement card	\$160	\$320
I-539	Application for change of nonimmigrant status and reinstatement	\$200	\$300

IN MEMORY OF SAUNDRA GRIMES



The staff of International Student & Scholar expresses their deep sadness at the death of our colleague Saundra Grimes. Saundra died of unknown causes at her home Friday, May 18th. We do not know any other details at this time, but want to assure those that knew Saundra that her two children are with a family of Saundra's choice. Saundra had been with Georgia State since September 1997 and was the source of expanded and quality international scholar services over the past 10 years. All of us who worked with her knew Saundra as a person who enjoyed working with students and scholars from around the world and took pride in her success in navigating an ever changing world of federal regulations related to international employees. As Saundra was a one-stop-shop for scholar immigration services, it will take some time to

replace her services. Effective immediately, all requests for scholar immigration services should be directed to Doug Podoll and Heather Housley in International Student & Scholar Services. They will continue to process all Exchange Visitor Scholar (J-1) requests internally. However, some H-1B, worker in a specialty occupation, and all lawful permanent resident petitions will be referred to Board of Regents outside counsel until further notice. Departments should make an initial appointment with Doug and Heather to assist in preparation of all petitions and referral to the outside counsel. Please remember that University policy and state law do not allow unassigned outside counsel to represent the State of Georgia.

JUNE 2007



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY
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FRIDAY

8:30AM—5:15 PM

Walk-In
Advisement
Hours

Monday
10AM—12PM
1:30AM—4PM

Tuesday
1:30PM—4PM

Wednesday
10AM—12PM
1:30AM—4PM

Thursday
1:30PM—4PM

Friday
10AM—12PM
1:30AM—4PM

Website:
www.gsu.edu/iss

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OUT OF STATE TUITION WAIVER

To apply for an out-of-state tuition waiver from International Services fall term 2007, please apply by Friday, June 22. Applications are available now from the front desk. Remember that these are given out to students with severe economic need who are within two terms of graduation. For more information and the application form, call or come by the International Services office.

STUDENT INSURANCE UPDATE

In order to view your insurance claims, print a temporary identification card, search for a doctor within the Pearce network, you must register at www.studentinsurance.com. Please keep in mind that your permanent cards will be mailed out within 2 weeks of classing beginning.

ISSS NEWS FLASH



- All GSU offices will be assigned new phone numbers that are expected go live July 1st. ISSS phone numbers will be changed to:
Office - 404-413-2070
Fax - 404-413-2077
Please remember that after July 1st the current numbers will no longer be active.
- Stop by www.gsu.edu/iss to visit our new and improved website. We have recently updated the content to create a more user-friendly experience. We welcome any feedback about problems encountered while searching our website.

Think about it.....



Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which s/he has overcome while trying to succeed.

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