Provost Phil Gilbertson and Associate Provost Jin Gong returned to China October 17-25 to deepen and expand partnerships initially explored in a visit last May. The purpose of the trip was to set specific plans to recruit more undergraduate and graduate students to Pacific and to explore ways to launch the “Global Program for Professional Development” designed by the Council of Deans and a faculty task group to offer certificate and master’s degree programs abroad. China is among the first targeted countries.

Provost Gilbertson was invited to address an international forum on leadership for university administrators in Beijing sponsored by the National Academy of Education Administration, the training arm of the China Ministry of Education for all top university administrators in the country. Higher education leaders from Australia, Canada, China, Japan, the U.K., and the U.S. exchanged views. Gilbertson and Gong were the only U.S. representatives.

Gilbertson and Gong visited Zhejiang Gongshang University in Hangzhou, one of four institutions working with Pacific McGeorge School of Law on a USAID grant-funded program to train China law professors in the teaching of advocacy. They met with McGeorge graduates from the program and saw first hand the impact of the program on their Law School. They explored further development of this program with the ZGU president and other university officials. In Shanghai, Gong worked further on a planned M.Ed. program for 2009.

The Provost is developing a partnership with the Center for Creative Leadership, an executive leadership development organization rated among the top ten world wide, based in North Carolina. Gilbertson brought CCL to the Beijing conference to explore a possible three-way partnership between China higher education, Pacific, and CCL, whereby Pacific and CCL could provide professional development and leadership training for faculty and administrators in professions represented at Pacific.

Gilbertson and Gong visited the dean of the business school at Zhejiang University, one of the top five universities in the country, to explore partnering in MBA entrepreneurship, in social entrepreneurship, and in leadership development and innovation.

Details:

Beijing:
- National Academy of Education Administration (NAEA) International University Forum for Leadership Development for administrators in higher education institutions—Provost Gilbertson presented with Michael Jenkins, Director of Center for Creative Leadership—Asia, based in Singapore. Representatives from Canada, U.K., Australia, Japan, Singapore, and U.S.A. Pacific was the only U.S. institution.
- Established a connection to CISCO Systems—China, co-sponsor of the forum.
- Explored with NAEA and CCL joint research on leadership development, joint training by Pacific and CCL at NAEA, and other Pacific short courses at NAEA.
**Hangzhou:**

- Visited Zhejiang Gongshang University to review Pacific's McGeorge Law School USAID Program for possible expansion, undergraduate student exchange, and possible MBA partnership.
- Visited Zhejiang University Dean of the School of Management to explore partnerships for MBA entrepreneurship, for social entrepreneurship, and for leadership development and innovation, with possible three-way CCL partnership.

**Shanghai:**

- Met with officials at several institutions including Shanghai Finance University, School district leaders, and China Executive Leadership Academy Pudong (CELAP) in Shanghai. Gong met with officials to prepare for a possible 14-month M.Ed. program to be taught by Benerd School of Education faculty.