During summer 2012, Dr. Khder Niazi Nooraldeen Chalabi Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq worked with Dr. Gail Bromley, Associate Dean for Academics. During the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program, Dr. Chalabi was actively involved in developing goals and priorities to gain knowledge and insights about the collegiate educational system in the United States, learn about the infrastructure of a state university and experience first-hand the pedagogical methods at the College of Nursing. Class room observation and simulation lab experiences provided him with an understanding of the student-faculty interactions which are critical to the socialization and education of professional nurses.

Dr. Chalabi also met with scholars in other university departments to advance his knowledge about his area of interest, attend lectures as well as touring laboratories in the Biology Department. In addition, Dr. Chalabi participated in an innovative educational delivery method, "Labsmart", a virtual lab designed by staff at McGraw Hill/Area 9 in collaboration with Kent State University faculty, another modality used to maximize learning for student success.

During the ten week long program, several hours of dedicated time were devoted to discussions about critical aspects of a University, namely, the design of a state system, the promotion and tenure system, curriculum development and associated approval processes, the development of course syllabi, systems for exams in Kent State University, test banks, online testing and the methods for scoring tests. Student dynamic's and faculty interactions and developing mutually beneficial professional relationships formed the basis of these discussions as essential components of effective pedagogy.

Dr. Chalabi participated in interactive sessions with a number of faculty and staff of the College of Nursing, Shirley Hemminger, MSN, RN, Dr. Ratchneewan Ross, Associate Professor and Director of International Activities, Dr. Barbara Drew, Associate Professor, Alison Murphy, Graduate Academic Adviser, Dr. Curtis Good, Academic Program Director. These meetings provided in depth discussions and question and answer sessions which Dr. Chalabi reported were both informative and beneficial.
Chin Kang Koh, PhD, RN, Faculty visitor from Seoul National University, North Korea, visiting the College of Nursing in Fall 2012 and Spring 2013

International Student Fall Pizza Party
A lot of smiles 😊😊😊😊
Beautiful time, beautiful food, and beautiful flowers, but most importantly... beautiful relationships...
A visit in October from Dr. C.A.K. (Ashok) Yusedian, Dean of the School of Health Systems Studies, the representative from the TATA Institute from India and Dr. Mark James, KSU Executive Director of Global Health Programs: Discussing possible collaborative work

Thanks Dr. Drew for directing our international activities in Fall 2012!

Spring Brown Bag International Presentations: Mark the date!

Chin Koh: January 28 Noon – 1 pm: *Cultural Issues and Caregiving in Korea*

Amal Al-Alawi: February 4, Noon – 1 pm: *Nursing in Oman*

Ratchneewan Ross, Carolyn Kleman, & Pimpanitta Jittapirom: February 11, Noon – 1 pm: *International Mixed Methods Conference Report*

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