Brazil: Critical Issues

Travel Bulletin #4: last tips and reminders prior to departure

Orientation Session-June 20, 2012.

PRE-DEPARTURE Partial checklist:

- If you are not enrolled in mileage plans, you may wish to do that with United airlines and take advantage of miles for this long trip. Miles are only awared if number is under your name.
- Be packed at least a day ahead and pack lightly; check Rio's extended weather focast for the whole month.
- Secure your ride to the airport to arrive at the terminal **at least two hours before the flight. It takes a lot of time to get through security and summer travel has begun and the airport is busy—plus all the World Series visitors will be coming and leaving in large numbers.**
- Make a check list for yourself and double check three things minimum before getting in the car: **1. Passport; 2. money; and 3. travel itinerary/folder.**
- **Be aware that laptops must be set aside in their own tray upon check in and all liquids must be no more than 3 ounces and placed in plastic bags if you are carrying them with you. There is no limit in size of liquids if you place them in your checked-in baggage.**
- **Be aware that, if you wish to lock your bags, you can only use TSA-approved locks—they have a diamond symbol and are sold in places such as Target.**
- Take a pair of walking shoes/sneakers to be worn daily even with business-casual clothing if you are going to be walking on campus and visits on those days.
- Bring small gifts from your campus or Nebraska to be ready to give to peers/community members or faculy in Brazil. People will give you gifts and you need to be ready to reciprocate [pens, etc. will do]
- Bring decent sleepwear as you are sharing rooms, bathrooms.
- Try to share items such as hair dryers and adapters so not everyone has to pack everything.
- You may wish to take some basic, over-the counter, meds such as: Imodium, anti-allergics, anti-acids, pain medication. Stores carry travel size items for most of these. Professors will carry a small first-aid kit with band-aids, antibiotic cream. Prescription medication must be taken in original containers. Handy-wipes also useful.
- A spare set of eyeglasses if you have them.
- Basic toilettries and your choice of feminine or masculine supplies as the country may not have them.
- School supplies: writing tablet; laptop; flash drive, airplane-safe ball pens; pre-test form to be filled out on plane and returned to Arturo.
- Small travel umbrella.
- Review your previous bulletins.