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MEMORANDUM

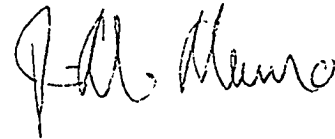
TO: Senate

FROM: J.M. Munro
Vice-President, Academic

RE: Report on International
Academic Exchange Agreements

DATE: February 14, 1992

Attached, for the information of Senate, is a report on International Academic Exchange Agreements prepared by Gregg Macdonald, the Director of International Cooperation.



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INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

Academic arrangements which cross international borders take many forms. Individual faculty members pursue their scholarly interests with colleagues in other countries, students seek access to programs offered in foreign institutions, and universities take part in development aid programs that involve their less privileged sister institutions abroad.

While these arrangements vary in kind and in scope, there are two categories of international academic relationships that share similar characteristics -- Exchange Agreements and Student Mobility Programs. Such arrangements are based on written agreements. Unlike affiliations where one institution clearly dominates the academic relationship, Exchange Agreements are based on the principles of partnership, mutual benefit and reciprocity.

Since 1983, Simon Fraser University has entered into a growing number of exchange arrangements with overseas partners. Their distinguishing characteristics are set out below and a list of partner institutions is attached.

Exchange Agreements

Exchange Agreements provide mutual benefits. Activities within an agreement may include: exchange of students, both graduate and undergraduate; exchange of faculty members for teaching and research; collaborative research; consultancies; workshops, seminars, conferences; exchange of materials and publications; access to fellowships, scholarships, research associateships, tuition waivers; and study tours.

At SFU, field schools are being established as a self-funding component of some Exchange Agreements. SFU students are given instruction by faculty members from both SFU and the partner university, at a venue located in the partner university's country. Students are assessed tuition fees at the SFU rate, but the money raised is deemed payable to the overseas partner institution. These funds are held in trust at SFU and are made available to bring students and faculty from the partner institution to Canada. In this way, a significant portion of the program is self-funding.

Exchange Agreements of this kind depend for their success on disciplinary "champions" within the two universities. The shared interests of computer scientists at SFU and the University of East Anglia is a case in point. Where Exchange Agreements are entered into without a disciplinary focus, they tend to collapse due to a lack of academic vitality. The abandoned relationship with Jinan University falls into this class.

Student Mobility Programs

Student Mobility Programs limit the exchange primarily to undergraduate students, although graduate students may be included within their terms of reference. Like more comprehensive academic exchange agreements, Student Mobility programs require a formal, institutional undertaking. An agreement may be university-wide or may cover only one department. Agreements usually provide for fee payment either at the home or the host institution and may include fee reciprocity, a reciprocal or unilateral fee waiver, or a differential fee waiver. Many agreements stipulate a one-for-one exchange and some agreements limit the number of students accepted from the partner institution. Generally speaking, there is an interest on the part of the sending institution to have its students receive part of their degree completion credits at an overseas university.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EXCHANGE AND STUDENT MOBILITY AGREEMENTS

CHINA

Chengdu University of Science and Technology

Date: October 7, 1988

SFU Contact: Director, International Cooperation

Details: Proposed research and graduate student exchange

China Institute for Contemporary International Relations - Beijing

Date: November, 1983

SFU Contact: Director, International Cooperation

Details: Exchange of researchers

Jilin University - Changchun, China

Date: September 6, 1985

SFU Contact: Director, International Cooperation

Details: China field school; exchange of faculty and students; exchange of books and reference materials

Sichuan Institute of Industry

Date: October 7, 1988

SFU Contact: Director, International Cooperation

Details: Proposed research and graduate student exchange

Sichuan Normal University

Date: November 30, 1987

SFU Contact: Director, International Cooperation

Details: Proposed research and graduate student exchange

CUBA

University of Havana

Date: June 24, 1991

SFU Contact: Dr. Bruce Clayman, Dean of Graduate Studies

Details: Student exchange; faculty exchange; joint research; SFU field school

GERMANY

Justus Liebig University - Giessen

Date: June, 1990

SFU Contact: Dr. Jerry Zaslove, Institute for the Humanities

Details: Student exchange; students pay fees at host institution; SFU differential fee waiver

Universität des Saarlandes - Saarbrücken

Date: August, 1986

SFU Contact: Dr. Len Evenden, Geography

Details: Student exchange; students pay fees at host institution; SFU differential fee waiver

JAPAN**Kansai Gaidai - Osaka**

SFU Contact: Coordinator, International Education

Details: Proposed one-for-one student exchange; students pay tuition at home institution

Kushiro Public University of Economics - Hokkaido

Date: July 25, 1991

SFU Contact: Director, International Cooperation

Details: Agreement includes Capilano College; at the protocol level only

Kyushu Institute of Technology - Kitakyushu

Date: Agreement active but unsigned

SFU Contact: Dr. Nick Cercone, Computing Science

Details: Joint research; faculty and graduate student exchange

Sophia University - Tokyo

SFU Contact: Coordinator, International Education

Details: Proposed one-for-one student exchange, limit of two annually; option of faculty ties and research; differential fee waiver

SOUTH KOREA**Yonsei University - Seoul**

SFU Contact: Coordinator, International Education

Details: Proposed one-for-one student exchange, limit of two annually; option of faculty ties and research; differential fee waiver

UNITED KINGDOM**University of East Anglia - Norwich**

Date: March 19, 1990

SFU Contact: Dr. Warren Burton, Computing Science

Details: One-for-one student exchange; tuition paid at home institution

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**All Washington State Universities**

(Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board)

Date: July 16, 1990

SFU Contact: Registrar

Details: Student exchange; fee reciprocity agreement, differential fee waiver

University of Maine - Orono

Date: Agreement is active but unsigned; proposed signing - 1989

SFU Contact: Registrar

Details: One-for-one student exchange in archaeology; reciprocal differential fee waiver

University of Western Washington - Bellingham

Date: October 26, 1990

SFU Contact: Dr. Rowland Lorimer, Canadian Studies

Details: One-for-one student exchange; reciprocal differential fee waiver