Exchange participant questionnaire

Complete and return this form at the halfway point of your overseas program.

Dates of your exchange: Spring 07, Your name: Nicolete
Today's date: Aug 24 / 07, Host university: Univ. of New Mexico

Travel
Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $0, I drove.
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $800
Do you have a recommended routing or airline? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, please describe: His a beautiful road trip if you can do it.

Visas
Did you need a student visa? Yes ☐ No ☐ What was the cost? $1000, Services fee for the F-1
Where was your visa processed? Pre-pay on the internet, process at the border
How long did it take to procure your visa? No time.
What documentation was needed? ________________________________

Airport reception
Were you met at the airport by representatives of the university? Yes ☐ No ☐
Is there easy transportation between the airport and university? Yes ☐ No ☐
What is the closest airport to the host university? ________________________________

Orientation
Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate? Yes ☐ No ☐
Is there a language program available before the term begins? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, how long is it? ________________________________
Is there an additional cost for language training? No ☐ Yes: how much? ________________________________

Accommodation & living
Are you living on-campus? Yes ☐ No ☐ Is off-campus housing easily available? Yes ☐ No ☐
Please comment on off-campus housing: readily available, $300-$400 shared accom.
Are you living in a university dormitory? Yes ☐ No ☐
Can you make a recommendation for a specific dormitory? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, describe: ________________________________
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? Is there a meal plan? No ☐ Yes. How much is it? ________________________________
If no, do you have access to adequate cooking facilities? Yes ☐ No ☐
Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? ________________________________

Financial details
Is it easy or necessary to organize bank transfers for your time away? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, what is the name/address of the bank you used? There is a helpful credit union on campus that will set up an account for you.
is it better to take Canadian or American money or travellers cheques?
What is the current exchange rate between the currency in use where you are now living and the Canadian dollar? ________________________________ the American dollar? ________________________________

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Academic details
Was it possible for you to get all of the courses that you wanted? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Please describe the course registration procedure: 

What is the language of instruction in your courses? English

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university, with specific reference to changes that might be implemented here at Simon Fraser University.

Lighter coursework, great teachers, attendance important.

What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program?

Access to courses unavailable here, culturally diverse learning environment, new world perspectives.

Describe the campus, including its size and population, its atmosphere and facilities, its proximity to a major population centre or city, etc.

Beautiful? Amazing buildings and gardens. Poor food choices but accessible to off-campus food and services. Centrally located. Good library. Free printing!

Comment on any other aspect of your experience which you think might be appropriate for students considering this exchange.

Albuquerque's alright, but the rest of New Mexico is really worth seeing.