

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE**

**HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

AND

**UNIVERSIDAD MAYOR DE SAN SIMON
COCHABAMBA
BOLIVIA**

Whereas, the Houston Community College System and Universidad Mayor de San Simon, are nationally and internationally recognized institutions of higher learning committed to quality education; and

Whereas, both institutions are convinced that international interaction will bring mutual benefits and will have a favorable impact upon the quality of their human resources and their countries; and

Whereas, the undersigned recognize that their collaborative efforts will be of mutual benefit and can constitute a model of international inter-institutional linkage and technical assistance;

It is, therefore, agreed that:

- The signatories will promote cooperation and collaboration which might be of interest to both institutions and which may subsequently be agreed upon.
- The signatories will designate appropriate personnel and offices to negotiate and sign supplement agreements for the development of projects in specific areas, including the terms and conditions of said programs.
- This agreement shall not bind either party to a financial commitment.
- The signatories will commit, to the extent allowed by law, the necessary resources of their respective institutions pledged under specific terms of any supplemental agreements.
- The present agreement will take effect as of the date of approval and will be valid for three years, after which it may be renewed for a similar period should neither party wish to annul or modify.



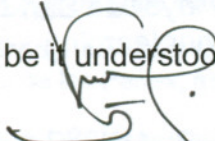
- This agreement shall be rendered invalid prior to the expiration of the three-year period of its validity by providing written notification to the other party 120 days prior to the date of invalidation.

It is further agreed that:

- Any new program initiatives will be implemented with mutual consent and formal approval by both institutions.

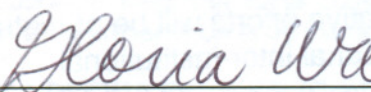
It is envisioned that both institutions will engage in creative activities that will meet mutually identified areas of interest with quality and a sense of international cooperation. This agreement shall remain deposited both at the Universidad Mayor de San Simon and at the Houston Community College System.

So be it understood and enthusiastically supported by the undersigned:



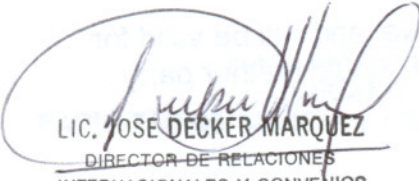
Ing. Franz Vargas Loayza
Rector
Universidad Mayor de San Simon

02 OCT. 2006
Date



Gloria Walker
Acting Chancellor
Houston Community College

7/14/06
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