

AGREEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSIDAD MAYOR DE SAN SIMON Cochabamba, Bolivia AND APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY North Carolina, U.S.A.

The Universidad Mayor de San Simon of Cochabamba, Bolivia (UMSS), represented by Rector, Lic. Augusto Argandoña Yañez, and its Vice-Rector, Dr. Raúl Rico Gamboa, and the Appalachian State University, represented by Chancellor, Francis T. Borkowski, Ph.D. and Provost, Harvey R. Durham, Ph.D., conscious of the importance of the international integration of the global community and understanding that mutual academic, scientific and cultural cooperation can be very valuable for both universities, have decided to conclude this general AGREEMENT, according to the following conditions.

We wish to recognize the formative significance of the cooperative efforts initiated through the Rotary International organization, led in Cochabamba by Lic. Jose Decker Marquez, and in North Carolina by Dr. Richard D. Howe.

AIMS: The general aim of this AGREEMENT is the establishment of academic programs and projects of mutual interest with the purpose of promoting and developing activities related to their pre and post-graduate, research and cooperation. This general aim is expressed in the following specific objectives:

1. Development of academic teaching, technical extension and assistance programs through the exchange of professors in previously agreed periods in any professional area of mutual interest.
2. Development of research projects on mutual interest areas. This program advocates the realization of research projects, jointly developed, are considered of great benefit.
3. Development of exchange programs to facilitate research and professional development activities for researchers, professors and technicians, for teaching post-graduate courses and for other scientific and cultural activities. These international exchange possibilities include sabbatical and off campus scholarly assignments for semesters or academic years, under specific conditions to be determined.
4. Development of student exchange programs. Many educational activities may be considered, such as conferences, seminars, thesis development, design projects, pre and post-graduate courses.
5. Exchange of scientific information, publications, bibliographic and audiovisual and other materials in areas of mutual interest which would be defined according to the academic programs of both institutions and related to teaching, research and academic improvement.
6. Promote the publication of project results and joint studies.

INTERINSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION: Both parties will appoint their own representative, who will be the single authoritative point of contact for all matters relating to this AGREEMENT. At Appalachian this person is the Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for International Programs. At UMSS this person is the Vice-Rector of the University.

The appointed representatives will maintain contact, in order to establish and effectively coordinate joint working programs.

All joint projects must be within the framework established by this written agreement.

CHARACTERISTICS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT

1. Each activity to be developed will conform to the terms agreed upon by the representatives of the two universities.
2. Prior to the initiation of international exchange of university personnel, specific conditions will be determined and agreed upon by both university representatives.
3. The results of joint scientific research will be considered confidential and reserved, and published only by mutual determination, mentioning the institutions' joint action.
4. Each institution will have to send to the counterpart two copies of the publications resulting of the joint projects, in order to be incorporated in their corresponding libraries.



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5. Direction and supervision of thesis or design projects appropriate for obtaining the grade of licentiate will be the responsibility of a professor of the student's home institution.
6. Any cost to the host institution resulting from the use of libraries, laboratories, installations or computing facilities will require prior agreement by both university representatives.

FINANCING: Both parties will negotiate such agreements as are necessary to the completion of tasks to be executed and the required financing, procedures and strategies for obtaining external resources.

This AGREEMENT does not imply any obligation to assume the financial cost involved in the execution of the required projects, actions and programs. However, each institution commits to support help the other with visa issues, lodging, technical assistance and in any way necessary or appropriate to the success of our joint ventures.

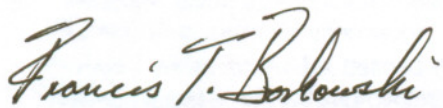
MODIFICATION: This AGREEMENT can be modified in the future through discussion between the representatives of both universities.

DURATION AND RESCISSION: This AGREEMENT will be in force for five years and may be extended upon mutual agreement of both universities. This AGREEMENT may be rescinded by written notification to the partner university three months prior to the suggested date of rescission. Joint projects already in operation should not be cancelled unless prior negotiation between the two universities result in negative decisions.

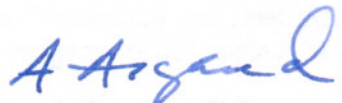
ACCEPTANCE: Both parties express their acceptance of all terms of the present AGREEMENT, as indicated by the official signatures appearing below.

For the Appalachian State University:

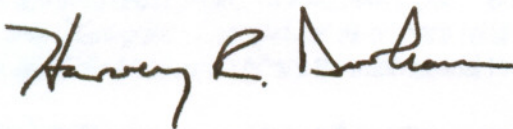
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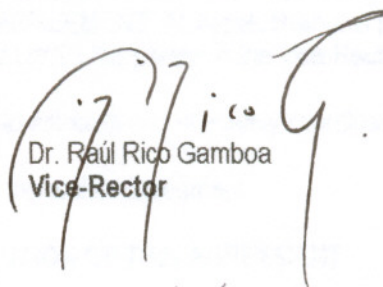
Ph.D. Francis T. Borkowski
Chancellor



Lic. Augusto Argandoña Yañez
Rector



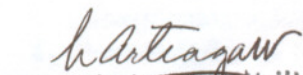
Ph.D. Harvey R. Durham
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor



Dr. Raúl Rico Gamboa
Vice-Rector

Date: 15/5/02

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