

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK

AND

BEN GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV, *Israel*

In recognition of the common interests shared by the State University of New York at Stony Brook and Ben Gurion University of the Negev, the objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to enhance scholarly interaction between the institutions through the promotion of systematic, continuing exchange opportunities for faculty and professional staff to participate in instruction, research and service, and for visiting students to pursue academic programs.

Both universities have emerged within the past two decades as distinctive universities and recognized by their peers for their high achievements in education and scholarship. Both institutions have enhanced their development through the active exchanges of knowledge and practices with other universities throughout the world. It is, therefore, fitting for both universities to establish this Memorandum of Understanding.

Realization of the above-stated objective shall take the following forms of cooperation:

- a) Collaborative and cooperative programs of study in the fields of the Humanities and Fine Arts, the Social and Behavioral Sciences, the Physical Sciences and Mathematics, Life Sciences, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Health Sciences, and Public Policy.
- b) Development of joint and/or collaborative programs of research between faculty and research scholars of both institutions.
- c) Discussions on academic and administrative developments in education, including the co-sponsorship of International Seminars and Colloquia.
- d) The mutual exchange of scholarly publications.

EXCHANGE VISITOR CATEGORIES

The following types of exchange visitorships are envisioned:

1. Visiting Professors

As resources may permit, members of the faculty at either institution will be invited to serve as visiting members of the faculty of the other. Visiting Professors will engage in teaching and/or scholarship related to the needs of the instructional and research programs of the host institution.

Payment to the Visiting Professor by the host institution will be related to the services performed by the visitor and will be consistent with the policies of both institutions. Payment of the overseas transportation costs of the Visiting Professor will normally be the responsibility of the home university. Travel costs within the host country during the visit will be met by the host institution to the extent that its policies and resources permit.

2. Visiting Scholars

Individuals nominated by one institution to receive special training in research or to pursue a specific area of scholarship at the other shall, subject to the approvals required by the host institution, be invited to join the appropriate academic unit there as a Visiting Scholar. Payment of the costs of subsistence and overseas transportation of a Visiting Scholar will be the responsibility of the home institution. If anticipated travel expenses within the host country exceed the individual Scholar's resources and are unavailable under the host institution's policies, the source of their payment will be negotiated at the time of approval of the visit.

3. Visiting Students

Qualified students from each institution will be accepted at the other as Visiting Students for the purpose of pursuing an approved course of instruction. A Visiting Student may, upon recommendation of the home institution and with the approval of the host institution, be a candidate for a degree at the host institution.

The number of Visiting Students to be admitted for the following year will be determined by mutual agreement between the two institutions prior to April 1 of each year. The number will be determined by the availability of openings in the programs sought, the financial resources available to each of the institutions, and the number of qualified applicants.

Overseas transportation costs of Visiting Students will normally be the responsibility of the home institution.

It is recognized that while parity in the numbers of exchanges is a desirable goal, this will not necessarily be achieved in the early years of the relationship.

Appointment to any of the above categories of visitorships will make available to the visitor the same academic resources and supporting services at the host institution which are normally provided to other visitors of the same academic level in the department visited. If it is anticipated that the costs of the proposed activity of an Exchange Visitor will exceed the normally available departmental resources, the sources of the payment of these costs will be negotiated prior to approval of the visit. It is understood that each visitor, wherever possible, will be supported at levels customary for the host institution.

Each institution agrees to assist visitors in gaining access to off-campus facilities which may be needed in the planned study or research.

The obligations of the parties under this agreement are to the participants only and are not inclusive of spouses and dependents. Additional expenses incurred by accompanying spouses and dependents are the responsibility of the individual participant.

Each institution agrees to make available to each University employee in the exchange appropriate medical insurance and/or health benefits, the cost of which will be borne by the exchanges.

For Visiting Students whose application status does not carry eligibility for payment of costs of living and study from the host institution, a source of support for these costs must be negotiated prior to admission.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM

Each institution will provide to the other institution descriptions of curricula and research programs. Scholarly publications by faculty and students, reports of institutional activities, and other pertinent institutional information will be regularly exchanged.

The President at Stony Brook and the Rector of Ben Gurion University will each appoint a Director who will be responsible for the coordination and administration of the Exchange. It will be the responsibility of each Director to provide the other with information about the academic background, record and interests of the proposed participants in these exchanges. It is understood that both institutions will nominate for visitorships only individuals of the highest scholarly quality or promise. Invitations to visitorships will be subject to all approvals normally required at the receiving institution.

Proposals for the next year's exchanges will be prepared and reviewed in the spring of each year. Through the two Directors of the Program, the institutions will exchange information about their opportunities and specific needs for the period designated, along with identification of the resources which will be available to support the sending and receiving of visitors at each campus.

Plans for the exchanges in the year beginning September 1 will be submitted for approval by each institution by May 1 of that year.

DURATION OF THE EXCHANGE RELATIONSHIP

By means of prior Memorandums of Understanding, the exchange relationship between Ben-Gurion University and the State University of New York at Stony Brook has been continuously and effectively in force since February 1980. In view of this background of successful experience, and upon agreement of both parties, the present Memorandum of Understanding does not include a defined term of duration. The period of the relationship is therefore left open-ended. However, the Memorandum may be amended by mutual consent at any time, and may be terminated by either university at the end of any academic year by written notice to the other, the notice to be received before May 1 of that year.

APPROVALS

It is understood that the terms of this agreement are subject to the approval of the President of Ben Gurion University of the Negev and the Chancellor of the State University of New York.

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