

TO: Prof. Eckard Wimmer, Dept. of Microbiology
FROM: Frank Myers
SUBJECT: Exchange Agreement with University of Konstanz
DATE: April 24, 1990

I am sending you a model of an exchange agreement that may serve as the basis for a memorandum of understanding with the University of Konstanz. Please mark any changes you would like to make ^{directly} on the page and return to me for preparation of a final copy. The final copy must be signed by President Marburger and an appropriately placed officer of the University of Konstanz. I can arrange for Marburger's signature. You may wish to arrange for the signature of the person from Konstanz, but if I can be of help please call on me.

Once we have President Marburger's signature, there should be no difficulty in including the students from Konstanz under the rules of exchange agreements: tuition waiver plus access to housing in the Stage XIV apartments. Thus students arriving in the Fall 1990 semester should be regarded as exchange students. I expect that you will have about three students, consistent with the pattern of recent years.

In the draft exchange agreement that I am sending you, I have not limited the exchange to students in the biological sciences, but have included virtually all disciplines. There are two reasons for this. First, this is consistent with the language of nearly all the exchange agreements, and this consistency will facilitate on-campus approval. Although we expect that the students coming from Konstanz will be almost exclusively biologists, it is difficult to justify the allocation of the resources of housing and tuition to only one program. Second, the possibility that Stony Brook will be sending students to Konstanz is a necessary part of the exchange agreement. These students will not necessarily be biologists. On the other hand, if you have enough biology students to send to Konstanz, there may be no need to include students from other disciplines. We see advantages in the availability of Konstanz as a place to send students interested in study at a German university. There is a growing demand for such study, and Konstanz may help us to respond to it, at least in part.

program at Konstanz, at an equivalency of one German student to four U.S. students.

It is my judgment that no useful purpose is served at this time in drawing wider campus attention to this exchange; the cost to the departments -- one tuition waiver in Micro and one in Physics -- seems proportional to the immediate benefit -- six students from Konstanz and the prospects for renewing the agreement.

I will be back on campus on May 9, at which time I will be glad to discuss this matter further.

cc Gene Sprouse