MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR
ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
COLLEGE OF FISHERIES OF OCEAN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA (OUC)
AND
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY (AU)

The Dean of College of Fisheries of OUC, China and the Dean of College of Agriculture of AU, USA hereby propose to increase cooperation between the two institutions. The two institutions will strengthen the activities in exchange of students, exchange of professors and research staff, joint research, and meetings for research, and agree to the following:

1. Auburn University College of Agriculture will accept annually about five Ph.D. students from OUC who are sponsored by the Chinese Scholarship Council. The major professors at Auburn University will involve the major professors at OUC in the development of the graduate programs of these students. Auburn University will continue to waive graduate tuition for OUC Ph.D. students as agreed during the first phase of the China “111” program.

2. The College of Fisheries at OUC will provide a platform and assistance for Auburn students to come to OUC for internship experiences. OUC will help Auburn Ph.D. students obtain scholarships from Chinese Scholarship Council if such students choose to do their Ph.D research jointly at OUC.

3. Both parties will encourage short term visits and internships, and allow transfer of academic credit within the limit of the policies of the respective university’s graduate schools.

4. Both parties will encourage academic exchange including teaching courses in the other institutions, with the minimal goal of teaching at least one course at each other’s institution annually. The host university will provide necessary arrangements for the teaching activities, and provide space, desk, working environment, and assistance in living expenses for the instructor.

5. Both parties will encourage joint grant applications by faculty members, and hold periodic joint symposiums. Such symposiums will be hosted by turns at OUC and Auburn. One goal is to establish an Auburn-OUC Joint Center of Sustainable Aquaculture on the OUC campus, which will address research topics of mutual interest. OUC will provide necessary financial support for Auburn faculty working for the center.

6. Each party shall be responsible for assuring full compliance by its participants with applicable laws and regulations, including insurance, of the respective nations.
7. Nothing contained herein or in the activities conducted hereunder shall constitute either party the agent, servant or employee of the other party, and each party shall be fully and solely responsible for its own actions and obligations.

8. The terms of such mutual assistance and necessary budget for each program and activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular activity or program. Furthermore it is understood that each institution will enter into specific program by program written agreements as required for compliance with the respective immigration regulations of the parties involved. Each university will designate a Liaison Contact Officer to develop specific activities or programs for approval of the respective lead administrators.

9. This agreement shall take effect on the date of final signature indicated below and

10. This Memorandum shall be effective upon approval by both parties and shall remain in effect for a period of five years. However, either institution may terminate the Agreement at the end of a given academic year by giving six months’ notice in writing of such intent, provided that termination by one party shall not affect any activities already approved under this Memorandum.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF; the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

On behalf of OUC College of Fisheries

Professor Q. Li Date
Deputy Dean

On behalf of AU College of Agriculture

Professor William Batchelor Date
Dean

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