INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Between
The Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa, Culiacán, México
And
The Board of Trustees, Southern Illinois University,
for Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale,
Illinois

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Article I. GENERAL

Section 1.01 Parties to the Agreement

This Memorandum of Agreement is between Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa, Culiacan, Mexico (UAS) and the Board of Trustees, Southern Illinois University, for Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois, USA (SIUC). The two institutions shall be referred to collectively as the "Participating Institutions" in the Memorandum of Agreement.

Section 1.02 Purpose of the Agreement

Endeavoring to increase their cooperation in research and education, the parties to the agreement, after approval by their responsible authorities, agree to conclude this Memorandum on academic cooperation. The purpose of this Memorandum is to facilitate and to enhance the academic cooperation between the parties to the agreement.

Section 1.03 Modes of Collaboration

The Participating Institutions shall endeavor to promote collaboration through a broad range of strategies, which in the initial stages of this cooperation shall include:

(a) Exchanges of faculty and other research and technical specialists for short-term and, as funding and other circumstances permit, longer-term visits;

(b) The design of collaborative research projects, including the development of formal proposals for funding of such research; and

(c) Student exchange programs implemented as external funding for partial or full support of such exchanges at the graduate and undergraduate level is available.
Article II.  TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

Section 2.01 Areas of Initial Concentration

The parties to the agreement agree to develop collaborative programs in areas of mutual interest. Recognizing the importance of practical first steps based on a definition of shared institutional priorities for fundamental research and program development, the Participating Institutions agree to implement collaborative fundamental research through faculty and technical specialist exchanges initially in social, political and economic sciences.

Section 2.02 Activities in Support of Collaboration

The parties to the agreement recognize the importance of certain ancillary activities in support of these areas of research and technical collaboration. Principal among these shall be, when appropriate,

(a) Regular exchange of relevant publications and information generated by the parties to the agreement; and

(b) Regular communication concerning the technologies necessary to enable and enhance the substantive areas of collaboration.

Section 2.03 Faculty Exchange

Exchanges of faculty and technical specialists generally shall be conducted under the following guidelines:

(a) The parties to the agreement shall — for a duration to be determined on a case-to-case basis and after mutual agreement — invite faculty for teaching and/or research visits.

(b) If and insofar as there are sufficient funds for these specific purposes at the disposal of the parties to the agreement, the travel expenses shall be borne by the home institution, the living costs by the host university. Otherwise exchange faculty shall be compensated entirely by their respective home institution. Availability of funding from the receiving institution shall be determined at the time of invitation.
(c) The parties to the agreement shall undertake efforts to raise funds from outside sources for the exchange of lecturers and/or researchers.

(d) The parties to the agreement shall inform one another regularly about the curricular programs offered by each, and especially about research seminars, colloquia, conferences, and symposia organized by each. They shall exchange documentation and publications issued from these proceedings.

(e) Each faculty exchange participant must submit proof of medical insurance coverage during the exchange period as required by U.S. Federal law. It is understood that the host institution accepts no responsibility or liability for providing health care services or health care insurance for visiting students/scholars.

(f) Exchange faculty shall be responsible for obtaining any necessary visas and otherwise complying with all immigration laws and regulations of the country of the receiving institution. The receiving institution shall cooperate in such efforts, but shall not have any responsibility to assure the granting of any visas, permits or approvals.

(g) Should any faculty collaboration result in any potential for intellectual property, the parties shall immediately meet through designated representatives and seek an equitable and fair understanding as to ownership and other property interests that may arise. Any such discussions shall at all times strive to preserve a harmonious and continuing relationship between the parties.

Section 2.04 Other Activities

Student participation in Summer Research Programs, collaborating in a research project with University faculty.

Section 2.05 Student Exchange

(a) Exchanges of students generally shall be conducted under the following guidelines:

(i) The parties agree to exchange students for the length of one semester. It is anticipated that the exchange phase of this program will be available beginning January 2011, Spring semester. The number of students exchanged per annum shall be “approximately equal”; minor imbalances may be adjusted. It is also
possible to arrange visits of students (or groups of students) for shorter periods to accomplish a special purpose.

(ii) SIUC and UAS agree to permit the exchange of up to 5 students per year.

(iii) SIUC and UAS shall notify the other of the number of students selected by each institution to participate in the Program on or about July 1 of each year for that year's Fall semester or academic year and on or about December 15 of each year for the following Spring semester. There is no minimum number of Program Students that Institution must send each semester or academic year.

(iv) Each institution shall set the admissions criteria and select from applicants to that institution from the other institution, those students who will attend for either one semester or one academic year (the Program Students).

(v) Guest students shall be registered as full-time students at the host institution. The host institution reserves the right to reject candidates because of existing restrictions on admission within an academic discipline. In this case, the home institution may propose further candidates or may suggest an alternate course of study for its students.

(vi) Guest students shall have the same rights and duties as other host institution students. Students who wish to take the ordinary final examinations or enroll in a degree program at the host university must have undergone the normal admissions procedures of that institution.

(b) Academic Exchange Programs

(i) The anticipated student exchange programs between the parties to the agreement shall be open to undergraduate and graduate students.

(ii) Academic achievements at the host university shall be recognized by the home university according to the latter's standards and procedures. Specifics of each exchange student's course of study must be clarified and mutually agreed upon before the beginning of the student's exchange experience.

(iii) The respective host university shall appoint a faculty or staff member who is familiar with course equivalencies, and who shall provide guidance to exchange students.
(iv) Exchange students must meet the admissions criteria of the host university. Prospective exchange students shall submit their qualifications to the host university and clarify the academic program for their stay with the appointed faculty member at the host institution. Formal acceptance of each student by the host institution must precede the student's enrollment at the host institution.

(v) Exchange students shall be responsible for obtaining any necessary visas and otherwise complying with all immigration laws and regulations of the country of the receiving institution. The receiving institution shall cooperate in such efforts, but shall not have any responsibility to assure the granting of any visas, permits or approvals.

(vi) Exchange students shall be subject to all regulations, rules and standards of academic performance and personal conduct of students at the host institution. Exchange students who violate any such regulations, rules or standards are subject to expulsion from the exchange program, and if expelled, must immediately return to their home country.

(c) Academic Eligibility for Admission to The Southern Illinois University Carbondale at the Graduate Level

(i) Applicants to The Southern Illinois University Carbondale must have completed a program of study that is considered comparable to a U.S. Bachelor's degree. While it is recognized that educational systems differ throughout the world, a four-year, university degree can generally be considered comparable to a bachelor's degree awarded in the United States, provided that it was earned at an institution that has official recognition as a university-level academic institution by the home country's Department of Education. The Southern Illinois University Carbondale reserves the right to determine each potential participant's eligibility.

(ii) Applicants must be accepted by a specific Graduate Academic Program, not only the Graduate School.

(iii) Applicants must provide evidence of English language capabilities consistent with the standard graduate requirement of the graduate program in which he or she hopes to conduct exchange study.

(iv) Applicants must provide a Financial Guarantee Statement that will outline the costs for an exchange graduate student as identified below.

(d) Academic Eligibility for Admission to the Southern Illinois University Carbondale at the Undergraduate Level
(i) Applicants to The Southern Illinois University Carbondale must have completed a program of study that is considered comparable to a U.S. high school diploma with an overall GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 system.

(ii) Applicants must provide evidence of English language capabilities consistent with the standard requirement of the undergraduate program at SIUC.

(iii) Applicants must provide a Financial Guarantee Statement that will outline the costs for an exchange undergraduate student as identified below.

(e) Tuition and Fees for Exchange Students

(i) UAS Exchange Program Students shall pay “in-state” tuition and pay all student fees to SIUC, including insurance fees. SIUC students attending UAS shall pay tuition and fees in the same manner as local students of UAS pay.

(ii) Program Students are also responsible for the following expenditures:

   a) Accommodations, meals, and travel expenses.

   b) Travel and medical insurance, and medical expenses not covered by the insurance.

   c) Passport and visa costs.

   d) Textbooks and personal expenses.

   e) All other debts incurred during the course of the study period.

(f) Guest students are required to participate in the student health plan offered or approved by the host institution.

(g) Parties to the agreement shall undertake efforts to locate housing for the guest students.

Article III. ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

Section 3.01 Elaboration of this Memorandum

(a) It is the intent of the parties to the agreement that general provisions of this Memorandum be translated into specific programs of activity as expeditiously as financing and other institutional capabilities permit. Such programs shall be set forth in implementing memoranda approved in writing by the designated
operational officers of both institutions. No implementing memorandum shall amend or contradict the provisions of this Memorandum of Agreement. Implementing memoranda for all programs must include provisions for insurance to cover liability arising out of acts or omissions of each institution’s officers, agents and/or employees. Implementing memoranda for faculty exchanges and collaborative research programs must include specific provisions relating to intellectual property resulting from the program.

(b) Nothing in the initial version of this Memorandum shall be interpreted as constraining the development of future programs not mentioned in this document.

Section 3.02 Responsible Administrative Personnel

The parties to the agreement shall be represented in formal negotiation or renegotiation of this Memorandum by the Rector of Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa and by the Chancellor of The Southern Illinois University Carbondale, respectively, or by their designated representatives.

The designated operational units of the parties, for purposes of developing and implementing the terms of this agreement are:

For Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa, México
Director General, Intercambio y Vinculación Académica
Torre Academica UAS - Culiacan
Ave. de Las Americas y Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez s/n.
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and for Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Director, International Programs and Services
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
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Carbondale, IL 62901

Either party may change its designated operational officer by written notification to the designated operational officer of the other party.

Section 3.03 Other Provisions

This Memorandum is written in English and Spanish.
Section 3.04 Non-binding

Nothing in this Memorandum shall create binding obligations that may not be overridden by unilateral decisions reflecting financial or other circumstances confronting any of the parties to the agreement.

Section 3.05 Duration, Cancellation and/or and Re-Negotiation

(a) This Memorandum is concluded for an initial duration of five years from the date of joint signing. After this initial period this Memorandum shall be re-examined and the program adjusted, as deemed necessary, based on a mutually agreed-to assessment of the program by the appropriate authorities at Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa and The Southern Illinois University Carbondale. After the initial five-year period, the Memorandum shall be reviewed and renegotiated for another five-year period, unless terminated by one of the parties to the agreement in writing within the period mentioned in the following paragraph.

(b) This agreement is entered into in a spirit of cooperation by both parties in the recognition that each university will benefit from this interaction through enhanced global educational opportunities for students and improved professional development opportunities for faculties and staff. This memorandum of understanding shall take effect after approval by appropriate authorities of both universities for an initial period of five years with the intent and option of further renewal as mutually agreed upon programs are implemented, or sooner if necessitated by a change in either university’s policies or their respective state or national laws or regulations. After this Memorandum has been activated, cancellation of the agreement may be effected by either party with a notification one year in advance of the anticipated termination. This Memorandum may be immediately terminated by either of the parties prior to the date of the final signature below.

for Board of Trustees
Southern Illinois University Carbondale:

Samuel Goldman, Chancellor

Date: 4/15/10

for Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa,
Mexico:

Antonio Corrales Burgueño, Rector

Date: MARZO 30 2010