MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

UNIVERSITY OF SIEGEN
AND
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Representatives of the University of Siegen, Germany, and Southern Illinois University, USA, have held a series of discussions pertaining to the desirability and feasibility of a university-to-university relationship designed to strengthen the bonds between the two academic communities, and in the process, contribute to greater understanding and communication between two cultures.

In recognition of the fact that meaningful programs of the type envisioned in this Memorandum of Understanding require constant planning and attention, each participating entity will appoint representatives to serve on a Planning Committee. The provosts from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville will each appoint one faculty member as well as one individual representing international programs to serve on the committee. The University of Siegen will appoint its committee members using its usual protocols. The Planning Committee will concern itself with the following functions.

1. The maintenance of communication on the ways and means by which such a relationship can be most fruitful for all concerned.

2. The preparation of a recommended course of action for the consideration of officials of the participating entities by August 1 of each year. This plan should cover the proposed activities for the succeeding twelve-month period, including details on various inter-university activities such as guest lectures, student and faculty exchanges, service on thesis and dissertation committees, etc.

3. The financial means to support the activities outlined in #2.

This Memorandum of Understanding as well as succeeding plans of cooperation shall be effective after approval of the terms of the agreement by the appropriate authorities of the participating entities. Cancellation of the agreement may be effected by either party with a notification one year in advance of the anticipated termination.

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Date: 6-6-11

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Date: 6-4-11