## AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC EXCHANGE BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY AND UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO

1. To promote mutual understanding and friendship, to promote cooperation and collaboration in education and research and to establish a reciprocal student exchange program between the University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico

and the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

to be initiated with effect from the date of this agreement. This agreement subsumes all previous agreements regarding student and faculty exchange between the institutions. This agreement applies to all Colleges, Facilities, Schools, Departments or other subdivisions of both institutions and their affiliated bodies. The exact number of student and faculty exchanges in each cycle shall be by mutual agreement and may not necessarily be exact in balance, nor should there be a requirement to exchange like for like: student and faculty may be at a variety of academic levels and from any subject area.

- 2. Each institution, conforming to the admission requirements of the host institution, shall assume full responsibility in the assessment and selection of qualified candidates. These students will have completed, at least one year of their course at their home institution.
- 3. Selection to the Exchange Program shall be without regard to race, sex, color, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, age or beliefs.
- 4. All student and faculty will respect the culture, customs, laws and traditions of the host state. By accepting a place on the Exchange Program, they agree to abide by the Regulations, Rules, and Statutes of the host institution and its governmental entities.
- 5. Exchange students and faculty will receive the services normally provided to the home students and faculty of each institution and will have same rights and responsibilities afforded to the home students. In addition, the host institution will provide assistance to incoming students with regard to accommodation, and orientation to the host institution.
- 6. A student may be returned home for violations of conduct considered serious by either institution but only after consultation between the parties responsible for administering the Exchange Program. These parties are named in Article 3: Principal Contracts for the Agreement.
- 7. Students participating in the exchange will be responsible for paying their individual tuition fees at their home institution. The University of Puerto Rico will waive tuition fees for Kentucky students taking part in the exchange. Likewise, the University of Kentucky will waive tuition fees for University of Puerto Rico students taking part in the exchange.
- 8. Students are responsible for transportation costs to and from the receiving institution and for all costs incurred at the host institution, such as books, stationary, study materials and course specific fees such as key deposits, cost of fieldwork, laboratory deposits. In addition, students will pay their own accommodation (room and board) and living costs. Students are responsible for the cost of health and other insurance in line with current regulations in the host institution. Students must comply with all Health Regulations currently in force in the host institution.
- 9. The obligations of each institution are limited under this agreement to the exchange of students and do not extend to partners or dependents. Expenses of accompanying partners and/or dependents are the responsibility of the exchange student.

- 10. Default of any payment due to the host institution will be considered default in the home institution and appropriate sanctions will be applied by the home institution to recover such debt on behalf of the host institution.
- 11. The program for each student shall be determined prior to going to the host institution and shall be agreed upon by appropriate members of the Academic Staff/Faculty in the home and host institutions. The home institution will specify the credit for courses/modules taken at the host institution, which will be allowed to count to the award of the home institution.
- 12. The grades awarded to students for the courses/modules taken at the host institution will be sent to the student's home institution at the conclusion of each semester, once all outstanding financial balances, if any, have been paid. It shall be the sole responsibility of the home institution to convert these grades into its own grading system and report the grade to the student.

## **ARTICLE 2: TERMS**

- 1. This agreement shall be in effect with the 1999/00 academic year. The term of this agreement shall be from 1 June 1999 through to 31 May 2001.
- 2. This agreement shall be reviewed, evaluated and adjusted, if needed every three years.
- 3. It may be terminated, at the end of the academic year in progress, by either party, by official, written notification duly signed by the appropriate officer of the notifying party. This written notification to the other institution must be delivered before the end of October preceding the beginning of the next academic year.

## **ARTICLE 3: PRINICIPAL CONTACTS FOR THE AGREEMENT**

- 1. At the University of Kentucky the responsible parties for administering this Exchange Program will be the Chancellor for each campus or his/her designee.
- 2. At the University of Puerto Rico, the responsible parties for administering this Exchange Program will be the Head of the Office of Academic and Student Affairs or his/her designee.

Any agreement between the Institutions on other matters of collaboration will be subject to specific approval, and will be agreed by further Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed as of the day and year first written above.

Universityzof Kentrick James Holsinger, Chancellor

Dr. Elisabeth Zinser, Chapeellor

Dr. Fitzgerald Bramwell. Vice President Research and Graduate Studies

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