

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO (UPR) AT
MAYAGUEZ AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
ILLINOIS AT URBANA/CHAMPAIGN (UIUC)**

June 5, 1998

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and Environmental Sciences (ACES), and UPR Mayagüez**

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4. The respective universities will provide each student with housing at no cost to the student. The receiving university will pay students for the prearranged period of work and study at or above the prevailing minimum wage rate for student workers for 35 hours per week. The students will pay for their own travel expenses, food, and any miscellaneous items.
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7. This agreement will be in effect until either party wishes to terminate it upon written notification to the other party by March of the year in question.

FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

David Chicoine

Dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences

Michael Aiken, Chancellor

Date:

FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

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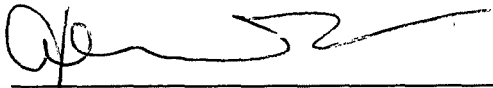
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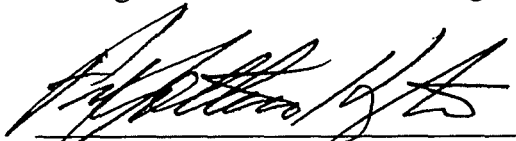
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FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO AT THE MAYAGUEZ CAMPUS



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1. The University requesting the course ("requesting university") will contact the University whose assistance is required to provide the course ("assisting university") no later than 45 days prior to the activity commencing.
2. The assisting University agrees to provide a liaison person or persons to make the necessary arrangements for housing and for visits to commercial, government, and University facilities. The assisting university will also provide at no charge one or two vans, if available, for local field trip activities. The driver of the vans must come from the assisting university, but labor and associated costs will be borne by the requesting university.
3. All other costs, e.g. , housing, air transportation, additional transportation, meals, and incidentals will be borne by the requesting university.

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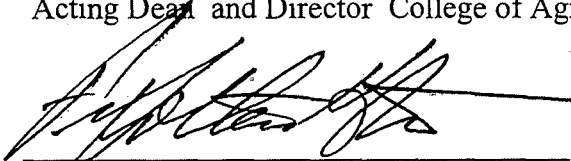
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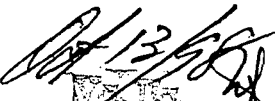
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF
PUERTO RICO/ MAYAGUEZ CAMPUS AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA/CHAMPAIGN 1998**

Introduction

The University of Puerto Rico College of Agricultural Sciences and the College of Agricultural Consumer and Environmental Sciences ACES the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign have had formal and informal agreements since the 1970's. Early activities included short term faculty exchanges, collaborative credit courses taught at both universities, and training programs. These activities have included research on soybeans (INSOY) and vegetable crops; undergraduate and graduate student research activities on both campuses; study tours by college of ACES students; plus other public service activities such as serving on USDA and USAID teams. These activities have continued for more than 20 years and the intention of this agreement is to extend mutually beneficial cooperative efforts into the next century.

Puerto Rico is the natural bridge between the U.S. and the Caribbean and Latin American countries. The University of Puerto Rico is the flagship research and educational unit of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. It has programs which foster improvements in the quality of life through education and research in the Americas – North, Central and South. For many years Puerto Rico has been recognized as the logical “North-South Center” location. The world is changing rapidly. GATT and NAFTA trade agreements are increasing the rates of change.

A formal agreement to continue collaborative activities between the UPR-
College of Agricultural Science and UIUC college of ACES recognizes that mutually
beneficial effects will continue and will expand as we prepare our students for the future
and for the improvement in the lives of all our citizens.

Therefore the two universities agree:

1. To exchange faculty in disciplines related to the food and agricultural sciences needed to enhance or enrich the teaching and research programs of the partner institution.
2. To utilize the faculty members exchanged to enrich the academic growth and development of particular program activities especially those with a Puerto Rican or Caribbean component.
3. To provide field study opportunities in those disciplines in which internships are a part of the curriculum requirement or in those departments in which field projects would enrich a student's professional or liberal arts education.
4. To provide field study for thesis or dissertation research in appropriate disciplines. Priority will be given to students whose thesis proposals focus on the food and agricultural sciences within the Commonwealth, or on matters involving Puerto Rican/Caribbean/United States relationships.
5. To seek, periodically, in consultation with the disciplines involved, faculty members who, through release time, can share information and present cultural/educational activities that will enhance and appreciate understanding

and knowledge of Puerto Rican/ Caribbean/ United States.

6. To develop an on-going program that insures continuity and duration of the exchange program.

I. Exchange of Faculty Members

1. Faculty will be nominated by the sending institution in disciplines or in academic specialties desired by the receiving institution. Upon approval by the receiving institution, these scholars will normally visit and present seminars or lectures for either an academic semester or a full academic year. The nature and the number of courses to be taught will be negotiated prior to the faculty member's arrival. Each institution agrees to make every effort to give preferential treatment in matters of exchange to the other.
2. An attempt will be made to exchange faculty members on a one to one basis, not to exceed two annually. Should this not be feasible given the needs of either institution during a particular academic year, an effort will be made to achieve parity each three-year period.
3. The faculty members exchanged must have a sufficient knowledge of Spanish or English to present the lecture or seminars agreed to unless those courses are to be given in the faculty's native language.

4. Each institution will pay the salary of its own faculty members.
5. The University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign and the University of Puerto Rico agree to provide assistance for faculty exchanges for particular adjustment problems as appropriate and as requested. Within the limits of the resources available at the host institution, in cases where undue financial hardship results to exchanges due to their stay, a salary supplement will be negotiated between the two institutions.
6. Expenses for family members of an exchange are the responsibility of that individual.
7. Office space will be provided by the host institution for faculty exchanges. For both research and teaching scholars, the use of equipment and materials by exchanges will be facilitated in accordance with negotiations with the appropriate department chairperson or University administrator.
8. Each of the parties shall be responsible to provide comprehensive health insurance coverage for their respective faculty, that will extend to provide health benefits while in the visiting venue.

II. Exchange of Undergraduate and Graduate Students

1. Applications from undergraduate and graduate students studying in disciplines related to the food and agricultural sciences will be forwarded by the sending institution to the receiving institution and will be evaluated and

approved by the receiving institution. Factors such as the student's academic record, reasons for participating in the exchange, and concentration in the academic disciplines expressly covered by this agreement, should be given considerable weight in evaluating student exchanges. Over a three-year period an effort will be made to achieve parity on the number of exchanges between the two partner institutions.

2. Each institution will give every consideration to exchanging students, principally undergraduates, who desire to pursue academic programs either not offered by the home institution or in disciplines in which experience at the partner institution would enhance appreciably their professional or liberal arts education.
3. Applications from graduate students to pursue thesis or dissertation research must have their research projects approved by the receiving institution. In every case, the approval of research programs shall be subject to the availability of appropriate facilities of faculty for carrying through particular projects at the University.
4. The students exchanged must have a sufficient knowledge of Spanish or English to comprehend lectures and seminars or to do research in their fields. Students lacking such knowledge would be specifically enrolled in the partner institution to improve their language skills.

5. Students will be exchanged up to eight weeks during the summer, for an academic semester or for a full academic year.
6. Each institution agrees to appoint an academic advisor from the department or college in question to assist the exchangee in arranging and implementing an appropriate scholarly program.
7. All costs for each exchangee for a semester or full academic year will be borne by the student involved. Students will pay the tuition for their home institution to that institution. Those eligible for financial aid would apply through their sending institution which would adjust the financial aid package to the respective geographical area. Exceptions will be made for student participating in the summer research program as noted in section IV.
8. Each institution will assist the student exchangees with locating on campus housing. Payment for this housing is the responsibility of the individual student.

III. Other Areas

Each institution agrees to advise the other, if requested, in planning activities or educational programs that require expertise not readily available in the home institution. If such consultation necessitates visits to the partner institution, the costs involved will be borne by the institution seeking such advice.

IV. Student Exchange for Summer Research

1. Both UIUC College of ACES and UPR/RUM agree to participate in an annual student exchange program focusing on summer research projects provided that there is sufficient student interest on both sides.
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5. Medical and personal insurance over and above that provided by the respective universities is the responsibility of the student.
6. Students may be enrolled for independent study credit and a language course, if they need to improve reading and speaking skills; the matter of faculty supervision for such courses shall be negotiated for each individual student.

7. This agreement for summer research activities will be in effect until either party wishes to terminate it upon written notification to the other party by March of the year in question.

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VI. Duration and Evaluation of Agreement

1. Each institution will establish its own Committee composed of faculty and administrators, as appropriate, to review the credentials of the faculty and students who apply for the exchange program and to advise the Dean of the College of ACES at UIUC, and the Dean of Agriculture at the University of Puerto Rico or their designees on the selection of these individuals. In advising the Dean, each Exchange Committee will adhere to the priorities of each institution as outlined in this Agreement. All faculty exchanges must be approved by the Dean or the authorized officer of both institutions. Further, to improve the quality of this exchange, each Committee will be responsible for an annual evaluation of their respective portion of this program; this assessment must include information from academic advisors, appropriate chairpersons, individual exchanges, and any other sources, as appropriate.