A General Academic Cooperation Agreement
Between
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY (Nacogdoches, Texas, U.S.A.) and
NINGBO UNIVERSITY (Ningbo, Zhejiang, P.R. China)

Both universities agree to establish ties of friendship and cooperation for the purposes of promoting mutual understanding and possible academic, cultural, and exchange of faculty and students.

Stephen F. Austin State University (hereinafter referred to as SFASU) represented by President Tito Guerrero III and Ningbo University, represented by President Prof. Nie Qiuhua, mutually agree to promote scholarship activities and international understanding.

OBJECTIVES
The objectives of this agreement shall include but not be limited to the following:
1. The development of collaborative research projects involving our respective faculties
2. The organization of joint academic and/or scientific activities, such as courses, conferences, seminars, symposia or lectures
3. The exchange of research and teaching personnel
4. The exchange of students, undergraduate and graduate
5. The exchange of academic publications and other materials of common interest

Administration and Implementation
1. This general agreement will be in effect for a period of five (5) years at which time it shall be reviewed for possible extension.
2. Both institutions will designate an institutional coordinator to facilitate the development and conduction of the various activities.
3. The coordinators will be responsible for the direction and supervision of all activities of the joint programs under this agreement, subject to the rules and regulations pertaining to each university.
4. Either university may initiate specific proposals for activities through institution’s coordinators, and upon signing by the Presidents of SFASU and Ningbo University, shall become part of the general agreement.
5. No financial obligations are assumed under this agreement. Funding for any specific program or activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to initiation of same.
6. The selection of students, faculty, and staff members participating in the exchange programs and projects will occur through a mutually agreed upon process between the two universities.
7. Supplemental agreements will address such issues as: specific duties and responsibilities, schedules, budgets, evaluations, and any other items necessary to efficiently accomplish the activity.
Approval of the General Academic Cooperative Agreement.

This agreement will become effective upon being signed by the Presidents of both institutions. This agreement may be terminated by either party provided the terminating party gives written notice at least six (6) months prior to termination.

Tito Guerrero, III  
President  
Stephen F. Austin State University

Prof. Nie Qiuhua  
President  
Ningbo University

Date: 7/8/05  

Date: July 8, 2005