COLLABORATION PROGRAM

between

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

and

UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE CHIHUAHUA
The Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas, USA, and Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico agree that the advances in science and technology, as well as the political, economic and social developments in our countries, make it desirable for institutions of higher education in Mexico and in the United States of America to collaborate on projects of common interest. Such cooperation enhances the quality of all institutions' contributions to the body of knowledge and provides beneficial educational opportunities to their students.

Both universities, wishing to promote the development of cooperative educational opportunities on an international basis for their respective students, faculties, and staff, have identified the following projects as mutually beneficial activities:

- **Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students**
- **Exchange of visiting professors and administrative staff**
- **Exchange of cultural and performing arts events**
- **Exchange of sports groups and activities**
- **Development of joint research programs**
- **Joint search for agencies sponsoring activities related to this agreement**

**Administration of the Collaboration Program:**

This collaboration program will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. Both institutions will designate an institutional coordinator to facilitate this agreement at each respective university. The coordinators will be responsible for the direction and supervision of all activities of the joint programs under this collaboration program, subject to the rules and regulations pertaining to each institution. The selection of students, faculty and staff members participating in the exchange programs and projects outlined in this collaboration program will occur through a mutually agreed upon process involving Stephen F. Austin State University and the Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua.
Projects:

(1) Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students

Each institution will identify a student exchange facilitator who will keep the institutional coordinator continually informed and advised of the progress of the exchange.

Each institution will decide how to grant academic credit for the work students accomplish on the other campus.

Each institution will decide how to enroll exchange students on a for-credit or audit basis with applicable tuition and fees to be charged.

Each institution is responsible for arranging, but not funding, room and board for guest students.

All exchange and internship students must provide proof of health insurance before they leave their home institution and shall be responsible for transportation and other incidental expenses.

(2) Exchange of visiting professors and administrative staff

Exchange faculty and administrative staff members will be paid by their home institutions.

Applications for sabbatical and development leaves will be encouraged.

Each institution is responsible for arranging, but not funding, room and board for guest faculty and administrative staff members.
All guest faculty and administrative staff members must provide proof of health insurance and shall be responsible for transportation and other incidental expenses.

(3) **Exchange of cultural and performing arts events**

The specific details of arranging logistics, housing, and performance facilities will be specified through mutual collaboration program between the two institutions on an ad hoc basis.

(4) **Exchange of sports groups and activities**

The specific details of arranging logistics, housing, and play facilities will be determined through mutual collaboration program between the two institutions on an ad hoc basis.

(5) **Development of joint research programs**

Joint research programs will be developed by mutual agreement between the two institutions on an ad hoc basis.

(6) **Joint research for agencies sponsoring activities related to this collaboration program**

Both institutions will cooperate in securing funding from various sources to support the development and enhancement of every aspect of this collaboration program.
Approval of the collaboration program:

This collaboration program will become effective upon being signed by the presidents/representatives of both institutions.

The present Collaboration Program is signed in quadruplicate versions two versions in Spanish and two in English in Chihuahua, Chih. México on the 11 of the month of June of the year 2002.

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