STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
between
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(Virginia Tech)
Blacksburg, Virginia, U.S.A.,
and
UNIVERSIDAD INTERNACIONAL
Cuernavaca, México

In the interests of expanding educational opportunities, Virginia Tech and Universidad Internacional-The Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies agree to promote the exchange of students under the following provisions:

1. Exchange Coordinator
Each party to the agreement will appoint an officer who will be responsible for the coordination and administration of the exchange, including the selection and counseling of the exchange participants. For Virginia Tech, the Assistant Director for Education Abroad will serve as Exchange Coordinator. For the Universidad Internacional-The Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies that role will be played by Prof. Julia Hernández.

2. Duration of Exchanges
Students may be exchanged for a summer, semester or an academic year.

3. Number of Students to be Exchanged
The number of qualified students to be exchanged will be determined by mutual agreement between the two institutions.

4. Balancing the Exchange
Parity in numbers of exchange students is the objective of the agreement. Numbers should be counted in semester units: 1 summer=0.5, 1 semester=1, 1 academic year=2. However, each party should be prepared to consider a disparity in any given semester or year during the period agreement. Any and all imbalances shall be resolved by the end of the period of agreement.

5. Academic Status
All students will remain enrolled as regular degree candidates at the home institution and will not be enrolled as candidates for degrees at the host institution. Students are expected to maintain full-time status at the host institution.

6. Student Eligibility
The Exchange Coordinator at each institution, acting after consultation with the appropriate academic unit, will be responsible for the selection of suitable nominees for exchange. It is understood that the Coordinator will nominate students who are both academically and personally suitable for exchange abroad and that details of academic background as well as references will be provided to the host institution. It is hoped that the host institution will not reject a nominated student unless he/she does not meet
established admission requirements for international students, or unless the host institution cannot guarantee availability of required courses.

7. Transcripts
Both institutions agree to provide a transcript at the end of the period of study, giving details of the courses studied and grades and credits awarded.

8. Student Program Fees
Each student will pay his or her regular tuition and fees to the home institution and will receive these benefits in turn from the host institution. Students will also receive room and board benefits from the host institution. Virginia Tech students will pay their room and board fees directly to the IOIP and Universidad Internacional students will pay Universidad Internacional their fees for room and board. The host institution agrees to arrange the accommodations for the visiting students. All travel costs will be the responsibility of the individual student. Miscellaneous fees such as special course fees, fieldwork courses, key deposits, books, etc. will be paid directly by each participant.

Neither institution will charge students an application fee.

9. Vacation Periods
Students will receive room and board benefits during the vacation periods and in between semesters if participating in an academic year exchange. If the students return to their home countries in between the semesters, they will NOT receive any benefits during that period.

10. Insurance
Each participant will provide his or her own health and accident insurance. Proof of adequate insurance coverage must be provided to the international office of each institution. In the case of Universidad Internacional students coming to Virginia Tech, they will be required to provide proof of health insurance that meets Virginia Tech's minimum standards for insurance coverage before registering for courses.

11. Dependents
The obligations of each institution under this agreement are limited to the exchange of students and do not extend to partners or dependents. Expenses of accompanying partners and dependents are the responsibility of the exchange student.

12. Visa Requirements
Participants will be required to meet any visa requirements that pertain to studying in the host country. In the case of Universidad Internacional students coming to Virginia Tech, they will need to document having sufficient financial resources for the period of stay.

13. Effective Date and Termination of Agreement
This agreement shall be in effect for five years from the date of its signing. At the anniversary of the agreement, each institution will exchange a brief report indicating any imbalances of student numbers and/or other issues or problems. This agreement may be
amended, and/or extended by mutual consent of both institutions for a period beyond its original date of expiration. Either party may terminate this agreement by serving written notice to the other party. In this case, if either party desires to balance the numbers before termination, the other party will cooperate in that effort. Otherwise, termination will take effect six months from the date of the written notice.

14. **Agreement**

In agreement with the above terms of participation, the following signatures are affixed:

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President
Virginia Tech

Date

President
Universidad Internacional

Date