

**Agreement on Cooperative Programs
of Higher Education
Between
Central South University of Forestry & Technology
and
California State University Fresno**

September, 2011

This agreement is between Central South University of Forestry & Technology (hereinafter referred to as CSUFT.) and California State University Fresno (hereinafter referred to as Fresno State) on the basis of the mutual benefit principle, the recognition of equality for each other and the mutual trust in the mutual recognition of academic credits.

I. Objectives

The objective of this cooperative agreement is to establish an international partnership to provide study opportunities in the USA to the undergraduate students legally registered in CSUFT through joint efforts of both parties so as to make a greater contribution to the future development of China and the USA, and to the development of economic understanding, business relations and cultural exchange between the two countries.

II. Addresses and person in charge

Party A: Central South University of Forestry & Technology

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Person in charge: Dr. Zhou Xianyan, President

Party B: California State University Fresno

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Person in charge: Dr. John D. WELTY, President

III. Names of cooperative programs:

1+3 programs:

Definition: A four year program in which Chinese students study at CSUFT for one school year and transfer to Fresno State to study for another three years to obtain a bachelor's degree.

2+2 Programs:

Definition: A four year program in which Chinese students study at CSUFT for two school years and transfer to Fresno State to study for another two years to obtain a bachelor's degree.

IV. Description of the programs

Chinese students who participate in the program will complete their courses of higher education for one or two years in CSUFT, and another two or three years study in Fresno State. Upon their successful fulfilment of all the required courses, gaining credits and meeting requirements for academic degrees, Fresno State will grant the students bachelor's degrees.

V. Majors or academic fields involved

The 1+3 and 2+2 programs described in this agreement will be limited solely to the majors or programs from the following academic fields:

a. Arts and Humanities

Major: Art (Art History, Ceramics/Sculpture, Crafts/Design, Drawing/Painting, Printmaking/Photography); Graphic Design; Interior Design; Communication; English; French; Greek & Roman Studies; Linguistics; Mass Communication; Journalism; Music, Philosophy, Spanish, Theater Arts, etc.

b. Health and Human Services

Major: Public Health; Nursing; Physical Therapy; Gerontology; Communicative Disorders and Deaf Studies; Social Work Education; Kinesiology; and Recreation Administration, etc.

c. Science and Mathematics

Major: Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science; Earth and Environmental Sciences; Mathematics; Physics; Psychology, etc.

d. Social Sciences

Major: Africana Studies; Anthropology; Chicano and Latin American Studies; Criminology; Economics; Geography; History; Political Science; Public Administration, etc.

e. Business Studies

Major: Accountancy; Business Teacher Education; Computer Information System; Entrepreneurship; Finance. Human Resource Management; International Business, Logistics/Supply Chain Strategies; Management, Marketing; Real Estate Urban Land Economics; Sports Marketing, etc.

f. Agricultural Sciences and Technology

Major: Agriculture Business; Agriculture Education; Animal Sciences; Child Development; Family & Consumer Sciences; Enology; Food & Nutrition Sciences; Industrial Technology; Plant Sciences; Viticulture, etc.

g. Education and Human Development

Major: Curriculum & Instruction; Education Research & Administration; Counseling; Special Education & Rehabilitation; Literacy & Early Education; Liberal Studies, etc.

h. Engineering Programs

Major: Civil Engineering; Computer Engineering; Construction Management; Electrical Engineering; Geomatics Engineering; Mechanical Engineering, etc.

VI. Requirements of admissions at Fresno State

Policy 1:

The applicant from CSUFT must prove his/her knowledge and ability for the studies that he/she plans to pursue at Fresno State. No admission will be granted if the applicant's scores submitted from his/her Chinese school are below the acceptable grade point average. The applicants must also demonstrate that he/she has good character.

Policy 2:

The applicant must have adequate funds to pay tuition and living expenses to be needed when attending Fresno State. Certified documents of income and well-signed banking statements are needed.

Policy 3:

Credits from CSUFT can be accepted, but it depends on the extent to which the Chinese curriculum matches the curriculum at Fresno State. Usually, credits of technical courses of a major are transferable, but courses of Chinese ordinary higher education, such as English, philosophy, politics, etc. will be evaluated for transfer. It is the responsibility of CSUFT to ensure the levels of the courses for which credit is to be transferred are identified.

Policy 4:

The applicant must have attained a certain level of English proficiency and have a TOEFL score of 60 or higher (Internet-based); or IELTS of 6.0 or higher.

VII. Responsibilities for CSUFT and Fresno State

1. Responsibilities of CSUFT

A. Recruitment of undergraduate students.

Students who participate in the programs covered in this agreement must have taken China's National College Entrance Examination with scores that qualify for bachelor's programs in the province where their permanent residency is.

B. Curricula of the majors involved

CSUFT will design and prove curricula for the programs covered in this agreement. The curriculum design will be done with reference to the Fresno State academic requirements and in assistance to credit transfers. Teaching of the courses involved will be conducted in a serious manner and with quality.

C. Collection of tuition and fees

CSUFT will collect tuition and fees from students involved in accordance with the standards set up by Chinese educational or political authorities. The tuition and fees collected in China are the property of CSUFT.

D. Provision of student services

CSUFT will provide students with services that are of help to their studies and daily life on its campus of Changsha. During the transition period when students begin to transfer from China to the USA, CSUFT will offer assistance in preparing school applications, transcripts, course descriptions, health forms, evaluations of students' academics and behaviour, and visa applications.

2. Responsibilities of Fresno State

A. Assistance in admissions and visa application

Fresno State will offer students from CSUFT assistance in their admission to its programs, and assistance in their visa application.

B. Assistance in credit transfer

Fresno State will recognize and accept credits of those courses from CSUFT that are in agreement with its curricula. In the process of credit transfer, Fresno State will provide the Chinese students with advice and guidelines.

C. Issuance of academic certification

Fresno State will grant the Chinese students with bachelor's degrees upon their fulfilment of all the academic requirements.

D. Collection of tuition and fees

Fresno State will collect tuition and fees from the Chinese students while they are studying in the USA in accordance with the standards that apply to the local American students on its Fresno campus. The tuition and fees collected in the USA are the property of Fresno State.

E. Student services

Fresno State will treat students from CSUFT with equal terms that apply to the local American students. Upon enrolment and payment, Fresno State will provide them with dormitory rooms, cafeteria services, and other facilities for use. Fresno State will also give them moral and ethical guidelines that lead to growth of good character.

VIII. Financial Arrangements

1. Fresno State shall pay CSUFT a service fee of 10% of the net tuition received by Fresno State in respect of each registered student in the first year of their attendance at its Fresno campus.

2. The service fee paid by Fresno State will be partially used to cover the costs that CSUFT invests in the recruitment process, and partially in support of staff/faculty of CSUFT proceeding to Fresno State for training or research. For every 10 students sent from CSUFT, Fresno State will receive one teacher from Central South for class observations, studies, and research on its main campus at Fresno for a duration of a whole semester or an entire school year. Fresno State will apply the funds for this teacher of CSUFT to pay for international flight fare, tuition, fees, health insurance, course books, room and board, etc. as needed at the Fresno campus, but all other expenses, such as local transportation, telephone services, and other personal needs, shall be paid by the Chinese teacher or by Central South University of Forestry & Technology.

3. Scholarship. Fresno State will provide scholarships to students from Central South University of Forestry & Technology on the basis of merits and academic excellence. Fresno State will apply the same policies of scholarship as it does for domestic American students.

IX. Resolution of conflicts

Both Central South University of Forestry & Technology and Fresno State agree that disputes or conflicts that arise in the process of implementation are to be resolved through friendly talks and patient negotiations.

X. Agreement term

This agreement takes effect from 13th September 2011 and expires on 30th June 2015.


XI. Termination of agreement

If one party intends to terminate this agreement, he should inform, in a written form, the other party of this decision six months in advance.

XII. Others

This agreement is in quadruplicate, and both parties will hold two original copies.


Signed by:



President: Dr. John D. Welty
California State University Fresno

Date: 9/12/11

Signed by:



President: Dr. Zhou Xianyan
Central South University of Forestry &
Technology

Date: 2011.9.13.