INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN FUJIAN NORMAL UNIVERSITY (FNU), CHINA AND UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA (UNI), UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. The following agreement shall be in effect from the date of its signing and be valid for the duration of 5 (five) years from that date. During the last year of this agreement a decision to renew or renegotiate the terms will be made on the basis of mutual consent. Each institution will designate a director of the exchange program. The director will be responsible for the general operation of the program at his/her institution and supplying the director at the partner institution with up-to-date information about the home institution and the local community to be used to promote the exchange. The director will also provide advising of the exchange participants on demand.

2. Both institutions resolve to make an effort to establish an exchange involving undergraduate and graduate students and faculty from FNU and undergraduate and graduate students and faculty from UNI in various academic fields. The focus of exchange will be on long-term academic study for students and teaching and research for faculty. It is also agreed that the two institutions will exchange a maximum of 2 (two) student/semesters (or 1 (one) student per academic year) and 4 (four) faculty/semesters every year (or 2 (two) faculty per academic year). The number of students and faculty sent each year will be based upon written communication and agreement between the two institutions to determine the number allowable, and based on program need(s), budgets, and available resources.

3. With regards to students designated as "exchange students", FNU will assist in arranging housing for UNI students at FNU. UNI students will carry the cost of housing and meals. UNI will assist in arranging housing for FNU students at UNI. FNU students will carry the cost of housing and meals. With regards to faculty designated as "exchange faculty," FNU will arrange housing for UNI faculty and cover the costs of housing and meals at FNU. UNI will arrange housing for FNU faculty and cover the cost of housing and 19 (nineteen) meals per week at UNI.

4. UNI will provide scholarships to cover the cost of tuition – including the mandatory computer, health, and matriculation fees – for undergraduate exchange students from FNU. UNI exchange students at FNU will pay to UNI the UNI tuition and the mandatory study abroad fee at UNI. FNU will either wave tuition or will provide scholarships to cover the cost of tuition and fees for UNI exchange students. All exchange students and faculty will have access without charge to libraries and other facilities normally provided for students and faculty. FNU students will be responsible for paying the wellness and recreation fee at UNI. Students and faculty from FNU needing or wishing to improve their English skills by participating in the UNI Culture and Intensive English Program (CIEP) will be responsible for CIEP tuition and fees costs and will receive a tuition discount of 20%.

5. Students and faculty from UNI and FNU must provide proof of sufficient medical insurance, as mandated by individual receiving institutions. Travel between the two institutions, both domestic and international, is the responsibility of either the home institution or the students and faculty themselves.

6. The two institutions will provide an agreed upon program of academic instruction for the exchange students and will designate advisors to assist them, if necessary. After completion of the period of academic study, the receiving institution will send the academic transcript of all work completed by the student to the appropriate office of the sending institution. At UNI the transcripts should be sent to the Office of Admissions:

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   University of Northern Iowa
   Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0018
   U.S.A.
   Phone: (319) 273-2281
   Fax: (319) 273-2885
   E-Mail: admissions@uni.edu

7. The maximum period of enrollment for exchange students and faculty at both institutions shall be 1 (one) academic year. The two institutions each will be responsible for the selection of their students and faculty to participate in the exchange. Each institution will determine its respective application materials. Each institution will also determine the deadlines for the receipt of applications. The receiving institution will provide each student and faculty with a formal letter of admission or acceptance and other documents as may be required for establishing student and faculty status for visas and other purposes. Students must satisfy the academic requirements established by the receiving institution, including minimal proficiency level in English for students from FNU, and minimal proficiency in Chinese for students from UNI intending to take classes in Chinese while at FNU. The host institution has the right to reject or remove any student it determines does not meet its academic standards.

8. Exchange students and faculty from both institutions will be subject to the same academic rules and regulations as local (host or receiving institution) students and faculty. Students and faculty will be expected to abide by the laws and to respect the customs of the host country.

9. Faculty involved in the exchange, both to conduct research and to teach, must be nominated by the sending institution and approved by the receiving institution. In each case, faculty must submit a curriculum vita, as well as a three to five page research/teaching proposal to the program director of academic exchange at the partner institution. The receiving institution will review the proposals and will designate a division and local colleague(s) to work with the visiting faculty. The receiving institution will provide faculty with administrative as well as academic support such as computer and internet access, workspace, and documents' assistance through the Office of International Programs. The host institution has the right to reject any faculty research/teaching proposal it determines does not meet its academic programs and activities.

10. The two institutions agree to examine the possibility for mutually beneficial academic and scholarly collaboration not specifically covered by the terms of this agreement.

11. UNI and FNU will seek to develop joint dual degree programs at multiple levels including: 2+2, 3+1, 3+2, and post-graduate programs. The details to be developed and agreed to separately according to appropriate college and department requirements and reviews.

12. This agreement will become effective upon the date of signature of officials for UNI and FNU. Written in English, it is entered in Cedar Falls, Iowa, USA, and Fuzhou, China, and will be governed by all applicable state and federal laws of the United States of America and China. If it is deemed successful by both institutions, this agreement may be extended for an additional period, subject to negotiations and as agreed to between the parties, at least 6 (six) months prior to the date of expiration. This agreement may be terminated by either party by written notice at least 6 (six) months in advance.

This agreement is written in English in 2 (two) copies, both of which are authentic. As witness to their consent to this agreement, the appropriate authorities hereunto provide their signatures.

For the University of Northern Iowa

Benjamin J Allen

Dr. Ben Allen
The President

04 June 09
Date

Dr. James Lubker
The Executive Vice President and
Provost (Interim)

04 June 09
Date

Dr. Kurt Meredith
The Assistant Provost
for International Programs (Interim)

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For the Fujian Normal University

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Dr. Han Sheng Huang
The President

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Prof. Ming Xu
The Executive Vice President

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Date 27/4/2009.

Dr. Xiaoming Sun
Deputy Director
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Office

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Date 28/4/2009