

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 4 – B (2)
DATE: December 5-7, 2017

SUBJECT

Agreement on Academic Cooperation – SDSM&T

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 5:3](#) – Agreements and Contracts

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Board of Regents Policy 5:3 requires board action on a range of items including “Affiliative agreements and other agreements that provide for joint sponsorship of educational programing for which credit shall be awarded.” To comply with this requirement, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology seeks approval to enter into an agreement on academic cooperation with Università della Calabria, Italy (Attachment I).

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

The agreement may result in the opportunity for joint research, faculty collaboration and potential student exchange. The two universities agree to consult on the possibilities of exchange of teaching and research personnel.

If a student exchange is established, participating students will pay their tuition at their home institution, and the host institution will waive its tuition for those guest students. Exchange students are also responsible for paying for board, lodging, health insurance, round-trip airfare, and study-related and personal expenses, etc. The two institutions expect that an equal number of students will be exchanged over a two-year period.

Board staff recommend approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – Academic Agreement: Università della Calabria

DRAFT MOTION 20171205_4-B(2):

I move to approve the Agreement on Academic Cooperation between South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and Università della Calabria in Italy.



**South Dakota School of
Mines & Technology**



**AGREEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITÀ DELLA CALABRIA (ITALY)
AND
SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY (U.S.A.)**

In order to promote further cooperation and friendship between the United States of America and Italy, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and Università della Calabria agree to establish ties of friendship and cooperation for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding and academic, cultural, scientific and personal exchange.

I. TEACHING AND RESEARCH PERSONNEL EXCHANGE

In general terms the two universities will endeavor to cooperate in education and research in areas of mutual interest, and to the extent feasible, to encourage direct contact and cooperation between faculty members, departments and research institutions under provisions of this agreement. The two universities agree to consult on the possibilities of exchange of teaching and research personnel. Particular areas of interest for possible exchange include undergraduate and graduate education, and research projects.

Each university will be responsible for the salaries of its own faculty and staff while these individuals are participating in the exchange.

The host university will provide study and research privileges for guest faculty which are comparable to those available to resident faculty and research staff. Exchange faculty are expected to study and work according to their plan for professional involvement, teaching and research as endorsed by the host institution. Specific agreement for the use of any special facilities or resources will be agreed upon by the two universities or their designated sub-units in advance of the exchange.

II. STUDENT EXCHANGE

In general, both universities agree to consult on the possibilities for student exchange in undergraduate and graduate study. The length of time for these exchanges will be agreed upon in advance of any exchange. Specific times will be determined by both universities. Participating students will continue as candidates for degrees at their home institution and will not be candidates for degrees at the host institution. Both universities agree to develop more specific protocols regarding exchange and collaboration in a supplemental written agreement. Exchanges are limited to the specific academic programs agreed to by each university. Exchange students will take courses and seminars in the agreed upon program and, generally, will not be permitted to take courses outside of the specified program.

If a student exchange is established, participating students will pay their tuition at their home university, and the host university will waive its tuition for those guest students. Exchange students are also responsible for paying for board, lodging, health insurance, round-trip airfare, and study-related and personal expenses, etc. The two institutions expect that an equal number of students will be exchanged over a two-year period. Each university reserves the right to limit enrollments from the other if the exchange numbers are not in balance over the two-year period.

III. OTHER RELATED ARTICLES

Each institution agrees to designate a liaison officer who will be responsible for providing information about this agreement within his/her University and to act as the contact person for his/her counterpart in the other University. The liaison officers will be responsible for working to develop further plans for possible exchanges and preparing supplemental agreements to govern the exchange process. For South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, the Liaison will be Ms. Suzi Aadland,

Director, Ivanhoe International Center. The Liaison for Università della Calabria will be Dr. Gianpiero Barbuto, International Relations Manager.

Both parties understand that all financial agreements will be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds at each institution. Moreover, nothing in this agreement shall be construed as creating any legal or financial relationships between the parties.

Exchange personnel must abide by the laws of the host country and the rules and regulations of the host university.

Any articles in this agreement may be amended or revised by the two universities after consultation and mutual agreement. Any issues not mentioned in this agreement may be resolved through mutual agreement.

This Agreement becomes effective when signed by the representatives of the two universities. This agreement shall remain in effect for five years or until one of the universities notifies the other of its wish to terminate the agreement at least ninety (90) days before the end of the academic year.

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Università della Calabria

Dr. Jan Puszynski
Interim President

Prof. Gino Mirocle CRISCI
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