

UM/UWC Exchange Update

A Report from the University of Missouri South African Education Program Committee

December, 1992

UM South African Exchange Program Committee:

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1993 FACULTY EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS ANNOUNCED

On November 11, 1992, the University's South African Education Program Committee met with UWC International Relations Committee Chairman Jan Persens and Professor Nicky Morgan to select faculty exchange participants for 1993. The following exchanges were approved:

UWC FACULTY TO MISSOURI

- Andre Gouws, Educational Psychology
- Cheryl Potgieter, Gender Studies
- Bernie Millar, Academic Development
- Andre Kritzing, Business Economics
- Charmaine Klein, Environmental Education
- John Murphy, Law*
- James H.P. Ellis, Sociology*

UM FACULTY TO UWC

- Ralph Wilkerson, Physics, UMR
 - Geta LeSeur-Brown, English and Women's Studies, UMC
 - Dianne Smith, Education, UMKC
 - Charles Korr, History, UMSL
 - Lois Pierce, Social Work, UMSL
 - Frances Oboh, Geology and Geophysics, UMR*
 - Mary Lenox, Library Science, UMC*
- (* Indicates exchanges approved subject to availability of funding.)

UM PRESIDENT GEORGE RUSSELL VISITS UWC

At the invitation of UWC Vice Chancellor and Rector Jakes Gerwel, UM President George Russell visited the University of the Western Cape in September 1992. Dr. Russell conferred with the UWC Academic Planning Council, members of the UWC Council, UWC faculty, members of the UWC community, and officials of the United States Agency for

International Development and the United States Information Agency. Vice Chancellor Gerwel also arranged for President Russell to meet with leaders from the University of Cape Town, University of Stellenbosch, and the Peninsula Technikon located in Cape Town.

At a special dinner given in his honor at the University of Western Cape, President Russell made the following statement:

The University of Missouri is engaged with many universities all over the globe in programs of academic exchange. I know of no other linkage as active and as mutually beneficial as our longstanding linkage with the University of the Western Cape. We are proud of this relationship which has provided unique opportunities for research and teaching for many of our finest faculty members over the years.

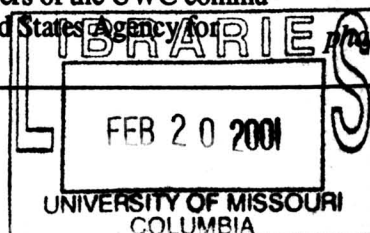
Our relationship with UWC is special for several reasons; let me cite a few:

• It is our only international linkage which has the explicit support of the University of Missouri governing board.

• It is an important model of cooperation between two universities. Cooperation is essential in higher education in these difficult times, and our ability to work together demonstrates our understanding that no university – to quote John Milton – is an island unto itself.

• Finally, we are stimulated by the commitment to excellence that the staff at UWC demonstrates. University of Missouri visitors to UWC have a rare opportunity to experience a University engaged in the process of transformation, and such transformation is surely needed throughout higher education world wide.

The UWC/Missouri linkage is now entering a new phase that will shape its future destiny. One of the



central purposes of my visit here will be to explore with you the avenues before us to assure long-term major funding support for our program through the United States Agency for International Development and other sources. I should add that we do not seek such support simply because it is there; we seek it because the work we have begun needs to be sustained and expanded.

I have come here to learn more about your university and to engage in discussions which will strengthen our cooperation in the future.

UM/UWC SEEK USAID PLANNING GRANT

As a result of discussions between UM President Russell and UWC Vice Chancellor Gerwel, members of the University of Missouri South African Educational Program Committee and the UWC Senate International Relations Committee have cooperated in the development of a \$400,000 planning grant which was submitted to the United States Agency for International Development in Pretoria on December 8, 1992.

The one-year planning project is intended to develop a five-year strategic plan for international academic cooperation between the University of Western Cape, the University of Missouri, Lincoln University, and other interested and appropriately identified South African tertiary educational institutions. The proposal calls for eight working groups in the following priority areas: academic development, gender studies, community/public health, public administration, law, natural science, graduate student exchange, and institutional development. Working groups in Missouri and South Africa will be established to develop plans and to outline project activities which will be the subject of a major planning conference proposed for May 1993 in Cape Town.

As a result of the planning proposed for 1993, it is anticipated that a long-term funding proposal to support the UM/UWC program and to extend its benefits to other institutions will be submitted to USAID in late 1993. USAID's decision on the initial planning grant proposal is expected in early 1993.

1992 EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES REVIEWED

A total of 22 exchanges took place in 1992, including long-term assignments at UWC for Holly Stadler, UMKC Professor of Education and Medicine

and Dr. Ed Kaiser, UMC Professor of Chemistry. UWC hosted ten Missouri exchange participants in 1992, while University of Missouri campuses hosted twelve UWC visitors.

UWC FACULTY VISIT UMKC

Rodney Vergotine, DDS, from UWC, is in his second year of a pediatric dentistry residency program at the UMKC School of Dentistry. His residency program is supported by a grant from the University of Pennsylvania and the UMKC School of Dentistry.

Since there is no specialization in pediatric dentistry at UWC, Dr. Vergotine will introduce a new curriculum and program upon his return.

Vergotine is working with James W. Lowe, a professor of pediatric dentistry at UMKC.

S.I. Pather, a lecturer in pharmacy at UWC, has returned to UMKC after two months of research there in 1990. At that time, Robert Riepho, Dean of the UMKC School of Pharmacy, made arrangements for Pather to have access to specialized research facilities at Marion Merrill Dow Inc. laboratories in Kansas City.

As a result of that experience, Pather returned to Kansas City on Dec. 1, funded by leaves from UWC and an appointment as a research associate at the UMKC School of Pharmacy. He will be at UMKC for two years pursuing research initiated in 1990 as the basis of his doctoral dissertation. Mr. Pather's family joins him in Kansas City.

USIA PROJECT ENDS

On November 30, UMSAEP Chairman and UMKC Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and International Affairs Dr. Henry Mitchell submitted the final report for the second USIA grant. This marks the end of USIA support for the UM/UWC exchange program.

Officials from the United States Information Agency have requested permission to use the University of Missouri's final report on the first USIA grant as a model to be used by external consultants who are evaluating the entire USIA University Affiliations Program.

J-SCHOOL USIA GRANT

The MU School of Journalism has received a grant from the citizen exchange program of the United States Information Agency. The grant paid for 18 disadvantaged journalists from South Africa to attend two five-day training sessions at MU, one in newspaper advertising, and one in newspaper technology.



Each session will be followed by a five-day, three-city tour across the U.S., and by a follow-up training session in South Africa in January 1993. The newspaper advertising training will be conducted in South Africa at the Peninsula Technikon in Cape Town, and the newspaper technology training session will occur at Rhodes University in Grahamstown.

COMMENTS FROM 1992 EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS

Miranda Duncan, Public Policy Research Center, University of Missouri-St. Louis. "Consulting and Training in South Africa: March 6-25, 1992."

"This trip to South Africa, financed through the Dispute Resolution Program budget, was prompted by my interest in building on previous exchanges focusing on conflict resolution, and learning first hand about a comprehensive effort to establish community-based conflict resolution centers in townships.

This proved to be a very exciting time in South Africa. President de Klerk's call for a referendum galvanized support overwhelmingly in favor of continuing negotiations for restructuring South African government. Responding to widespread interest in negotiation and conflict resolution skill training, I was able to serve as a co-trainer, along with Richard Salem of Chicago, at a two-day workshop presented to representatives of the National Peace Secretariat. The National Peace Secretariat, with its recently appointed regional chairpersons, is mandated by CODESA to put in place mechanisms—people and organizational structures—to stop the violence in the townships."

Holly A. Stadler, Professor of Education and Medicine, University of Missouri-Kansas City. "Report of UWC Exchange Visit: May 16-June 16, 1992."

"Many UWC faculty reported that they appreciated my presence for an extended period of time so that we could have continued contact as opposed to what they experienced as brief encounters with USIA visitors. I think that they truly saw me as a member of their academic community and in some ways an embodiment of their sister institution, UM. Thus I would recommend the continued exploration of semester or year-long visits."

Tyrone B. Pretorius, Dean, Faculty of Community and Health Sciences, University of the Western

Cape. "Report on Visit to Missouri: July 6-August 3, 1992."

"My general sense of my visit was that it was well coordinated and planned visit and that I received a broad exposure to the health training and service activities in Missouri. Through this exposure I have been able to gauge more accurately the potential benefits that a working relationship with Missouri might have for UWC in terms of the training of health personnel. It is quite clear that there is a worldwide crisis in health care delivery and the appropriate health education is an area that is of concern to all of us. Through partnerships and by drawing on each others' strengths we can work towards solving these problems. Also by continuing our engagement in the planning processes, we should be able to ensure that the proposed collaboration is based on shared values and philosophy."

Toni Sullivan, Dean, School of Nursing, University of Missouri-Columbia. "UM/UWC Exchange Visit: April 7-May 8, 1992"

"Personally, the visit to UWC was a highlight of my personal and professional life. The people at UWC were extremely welcoming and kind. I learned to question my assumptions about myriad facets of higher education, health professions education, nursing education, and health care delivery. I learned the meaning of "paradigm shift" and freeing one's mind of fixed ideas. I learned new visions of primary health care."

Edwin M. Kaiser, Professor, Chemistry, University of Missouri-Columbia. "Visit to the University of the Western Cape: February 4-June 20, 1992."

"On March 14, 1992, I participated in UWC's graduation ceremony. Much to my surprise, Andrew Crouch of chemistry and I led the respective columns of faculty into the auditorium. It was a pleasure to listen to Bishop Tutu, then to meet him after the ceremony. On March 24, I gave a departmental seminar on honors in the U.S. The staff was not convinced that faculty should be doing academic advising of students but they liked the idea of having an honors-like tutorial in CHE 111. It should be added though that most of the faculty regularly have students in their office asking questions about course work; they encourage this."

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