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UM/UWC Exchange Update

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

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UM South African Exchange Program Committee:

Dr. Henry Mitchell, chair, UMKC, Ms. Eunice French, UM-Rolla, Dr. Joel Glassman, UM-St. Louis, Dr. Edward Hale, UM-Rolla, Dr. John Heyl, UM-Columbia, Mr. Carl Leistner, UM-Columbia, Dr. Judith McCormick, UM-Kansas City, Mr. Michael Middleton, UM-Columbia, Dr. Suzanna Rose, UM-St. Louis, Dr. Ronald Turner, UM System.

1994 FACULTY EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS ANNOUNCED

As a result of consultation between the UM South African Education Program Committee and the UWC Senate International Relations Committee, the following exchanges were jointly approved for 1994:

UWC FACULTY TO MISSOURI

*Mrs. Hettie Ellis, Social Work
*Dr. Andre Odendaal, Mayibuye Center
*Mr. John Murphy, Law
*Mr. Alwyn Petersen, Music
*Mr. Robert Prince, Math

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*Nicholas Knight, English, UMR
*Susan McMillen, Dentistry, UMKC
*Richard Oliver, Health Related Professions, UMC
*Gwendolyn Turner, Elementary & Early Childhood Education, UMSL
*John Works, History, UMSL

UM BOARD PRESIDENT JOHN LICHTENEGGER VISITS UWC

At the invitation of UWC Vice Chancellor and Rector Jakes Gerwel, John Lichtenegger, President of the UM Board of Curators, visited the University of the Western Cape in November 1993. He was joined on the trip by Curator Emeritus Tom K. Smith of Ladue; Dr. Ron Turner, Interim Vice President for Outreach and Director of Cooperative Extension; and Dr. Jim McGill, Vice President for Administrative Affairs. In a report to the Board of Curators in December, 1993, Mr. Lichtenegger said:

The faculty and the leadership of that University welcomed us more than I had ever been welcomed anywhere in my life. I think on this trip I truly felt that I was a part of this university. We spent three days at the University of the Western Cape and had many meetings. We met with their governing council, their Board of Trustees, the Senate International Relations Committee, the Rector's Administrative Council, the Dean's Council, and the Student Representative Council.

The most intriguing discussions we had were with members of the faculty and the deans, as we sought to find ways to enhance the mutual benefit of this exchange program. One of the things that we stressed everywhere we went and with whomever we met, was how important this exchange program has been to us in terms of enrichment for our faculty, and in our ability to even attract new faculty to our campuses by virtue of our having such a unique program.

TURNER REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF CURATORS

At the December meeting of the Board of Curators, Dr. Ron Turner presented a report to the Board on the current status of the exchange. During the 1986-1993 period, a total of 183 academic exchanges have occurred. He reviewed the UM/UWC faculty exchange program goals, characteristics of UWC,

UM/UWC Exchange Summary

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	Total
UM Faculty	4	6	7	14	11	12	10	11	**75**
UWC Faculty	4	10	11	18	17	25	10	13	**108**
Total	8	16	18	32	28	37	20	24	**183**

academic programs offered by UWC, areas of academic exchange, and a sampling of statements from faculty participants. He also noted barriers that have been overcome by the exchange program, program recognition, factors contributing to the success of the program, and a preview of future plans for the program. Dr. Turner also presented a 6 1/2 minute video tape containing comments from past participants in the Exchange.

STATUS REPORT ON EFFORTS TO SECURE A USAID CONTRACT

Representatives of UM and UWC met with the USAID Mission Director in Pretoria in August and in November 1993 to pursue long-term funds for the UM/UWC Exchange Program under USAID's new Tertiary Education Linkage Program. A request for proposals is expected in early 1994 with proposals due by mid-summer.

RECENT VISITORS TO UM AND TO UWC

A total of 24 exchange visits took place in 1993:

UM FACULTY TO UWC

*Charles P. Korr, Professor and Chair, Department of History, UM-St. Louis
*Geta LeSeur, Assistant Professor of Women Studies and English, UM-Columbia
*Francisca Oboh, Assistant Professor of Geology and Geophysics, UM-Rolla
*Lois Pierce, Professor and Chair, Department of Social Work, UM-St. Louis
*Dianne Smith, Assistant Professor of Education, UM-Kansas City
*Jane Zeni, Professor, Department of English, UM-St. Louis
*James McGill, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, University of Missouri
*Ron Turner, Interim Vice President for University Outreach and Cooperative Extension, University of Missouri
*John Lichtenegger, Curator, University of Missouri
*Tom K. Smith, Curator Emeritus, University of Missouri

UWC FACULTY TO UM

*Adebowale Akande, Consulting Psychologist
*R. L. Fray, Senior Lecturer, Mathematics
*John Fresen, Professor, Department of Statistics
*Andre Gouws, Professor and Department Chair, Educational Psychology
*Joachim Jacobs, Lecturer, Department of Psychology
*Charmaine Klein, Coordinator, Environmental Education and Resource Unit
*Andre Kritzinger, Professor, Business Economics
*Berni Millar, Lecturer, Latin
*Nicky Morgan, Dean of Business and Economics
*S.I. Pather, Lecturer, School of Pharmacy
*Jan Persens, Chair, International Relations Committee
*Cheryl Potgieter, Professor, Psychology Department
*Graham Renecke, Bursary Office

UWC FACULTY VISIT UMKC SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Expertise and equipment in the area of extrusion and spheronization led UWC professor Indiran Pather to the UMKC School of Pharmacy as a visiting research associate. He has been teaching at the graduate and undergraduate level and contributes to research involving the preparation and characterization of slow-release dosage forms for indomethacin, theophylline and propranolol. In addition to his teaching and research efforts, Pather also served as consultant to Bausch & Lomb. In November he presented a paper to the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists.

APPOINTMENT TO UMSAEP COMMITTEE

Suzanna Rose has been appointed to serve on the UMSAEP Committee. She serves as Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology and Director of Women's Studies at UM-St. Louis; she visited UWC in 1989 and has hosted several UWC faculty visits to Missouri.

WORLD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

In October, 1993, the Mayor's United Nations Day Committee in Kansas City recognized Dr. Henry Mitchell, UMSAEP Chair, as Kansas City's World Citizen of the Year. Dr. Mitchell, chair of the UMSAEP Committee since 1987, has provided

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leadership at UMKC in creating working relationships with 27 universities in 16 countries.

UMSAEP NOTED BY NASULGC

The UM/UWC exchange program was highlighted in NASULGC's publication "Engaged Globally" which was issued at the NASULGC conference in Washington in November. The program was cited as a model international academic linkage.

UMR'S PROFESSOR HAGNI RECEIVES NSF GRANT

Professor Richard Hagni has received a three-year $28,000 travel grant for a graduate student and himself to study the Okorusu fluorspar deposit in Namibia. The grant is part of the NSF's Science in Developing Countries Program (SDC). The graduate student, Ari Kogut, and Professor Hagni began the study on August 1, 1993, undertaking field study in the open pit mine. They are conducting laboratory mineralogical and geochemical studies during the school year and will return for additional field studies this summer. The Okorusu mine in Namibia's largest fluorspar mine, has a production about equal that of the southern Illinois fluorspar district, and shares some geological features with the Illinois ore deposits. Dr. Gabrielle Schneider, chief geologist of the Namibian Geological survey, is collaborating in this effort and will visit the University of Missouri-Rolla and the Illinois fluorspar deposits during the summer of 1995.

WOMEN STUDIES PROFILE

Dr. Geta LeSeur, UMC assistant professor in Women Studies and English, was featured in the recent issue of "VOICES", The MU Women Studies News Magazine. The article featured experiences of Dr. LeSeur's recent visit to South Africa, the people she interacted with, her impressions and hopes for New South Africa.

COMMENTS FROM 1993 EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS

Geta LeSeur, Assistant Professor of English and Women Studies, UM-Columbia
May 6, 1993 to June 13, 1993

"The Exchange is invaluable! Missouri is in the forefront of an activity which should be picked up by other institutions for faculty, staff and students. No one can go on this exchange and not return absorbed, enriched and "changed" by it. There is no experience or knowledge better than this anywhere -- not in the First World. It is a journey into knowledge in so many ways; it is terribly important to note that two universities so unlike can meet on such common ground for the human experience.

Dr. Francisca E. Oboh, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology and Geophysics, University of Missouri-Rolla
April 17, 1993 to May 16, 1993

"The objective of the visit was two-fold. First, to teach short courses in stratigraphy and sedimentation, and systematic paleontology to honor students in the Department of Earth Sciences at UWC. Second, to explore the possibility of collaborative research on the Bokkeveld Group of the Cape Supergroup of rocks.

"I appreciated being able to see South Africa from a new perspective, and not from the eyes of the local and international media. My visit coincided with the socio-political uprisings of April, 1993, during which I saw the humane and positive sides of a country where a majority of the citizens want peaceful negotiations for a democratic government. Secondly, the opportunity to teach the students and exchange ideas with them, and other geologists was a good experience."

Dianne Smith, Assistant Professor of Education, University of Missouri-Kansas City
May 7, 1993 to June 17, 1993

"The UM/UWC Exchange Program is valuable. I had an opportunity to experience various cultures; dialogue with educators and community leaders who are actively engaged in transformative praxis; dialogue with students who are ANC members,

PAC members; attend a local church service; observe young children learn and play together in a highly impoverished area; eat meals in homes; learn from Nokawanda Mbeke, the domestic who cleaned my flat, what it is like for her and her family to live in Crossroads. It is my belief that such experiences add to a global understanding and assist us in making connections as human beings, sharing this earthly space.

"I enjoyed having the opportunity to experience being an African woman in South Africa."

Charles P. Korr, Chair, Department of History, University of Missouri-St. Louis
July 12, 1993 to August 21, 1993

"The UM/UWC Exchange Program is important and useful to both institutions ; it is a valuable way for faculty at both to expand their interests, expertise, and contacts. The Exchange Program should be continued because, in institutional terms, it gives UM a real presence at a South African university that will be a major influence on the shaping of a new society; in personal terms, because it provides an important way for our faculty to develop new interests, approaches and contacts.

"The contacts I had in the community outside of the University reinforced the belief that UWC is an institution with international status and one that plays an active role in social and political change."

Lois Pierce, Chair, Department of Social Work, University of Missouri-St. Louis
July 18, 1993 to August 20, 1993

"The program is extremely valuable; we can learn a great deal from each other. It's exciting to see people so committed to programs and to the students they serve. They taught me a lot. There are many similarities between the US and South Africa. We can learn from each other."

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