UM/UWC Exchange Update

Report from the University of Missouri South African Education Program Committee

November, 1991

1992 FACULTY EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS ANNOUNCED

On November 7, 1991, the University’s South African Education Program Committee met with UWC International Relations Committee Chairman Jan Persens and Professor Owen van den Berg to select faculty exchange participants for 1992. The following exchanges were approved:

UWC Faculty to Missouri

- Health Education, TBA
- J.P. Groenewald, Public Administration
- History, TBA
- Cheryl Potgieter, Psychology and Women’s Studies
- A. Gouws, Educational Psychology*
- J.J. Sarkin-Hughes, Law*
- Gilbert Wesso, Statistics
- Randall Carolissen, Physics

UM Faculty to UWC

- Ed Kaiser, Chemistry and Honors Program, UMC
- Health Education, TBA
- Ralph Wilkerson, Computer Science, UMR
- Richard Hagni, Geology, UMR*
- Chuck Korr, History, UMSL*
- David Eick, Dentistry, UMKC*
- James Lowe, Dentistry, UMKC*
- Holly Stadler, Educational Psychology/Counseling, UMKC

*Approved subject to availability of external funding.

UWC will seek funding from the U.S. Information Service in Cape Town to fund the exchanges by UM Professors Wilkerson, Hagni, and Korr. In addition, UWC will seek research foundation funds for the exchanges in dentistry.

USIA SPONSORED EXCHANGES IN 1992

UWC’s Nicky Rousseau (Writing and History) will visit UM in April 1992.

UM-Columbia Professor Gelda Brown (English and Women’s Studies) will visit UWC in July/August 1992.

UM-St. Louis Professor Zuleyma Halpin (Biology and Women’s Studies) will visit UWC in 1992.

KAISER SABBATICAL FACILITATES EXCHANGE IN CHEMISTRY

UM-Columbia Chemistry Professor Ed Kaiser’s sabbatical will be devoted, in part, to teaching organic chemistry and general chemistry at UWC from February to June, 1992. Professor Kaiser’s work at UWC is a follow-up to Michael Smith’s (Chemistry and Academic Development) exchange visit to Missouri in 1990.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENTAL LEAVE FACILITATES STADLER EXCHANGE IN COUNSELING

Holly Stadler, UMKC Professor of Education and Medicine, will return to UWC (February - May, 1992) to continue the work she started in community health care professional development in 1991. Her work will be supported by the Kellogg Foundation, her department, the UMKC Office of Academic and International Affairs, UMSAEP, and UWC.

Professor Stadler will focus on educational models in counseling and guidance, ethics and supervision, programs for women students offered through the UWC Student Counseling Center, and UM/UWC cooperation in health care education.

COOPERATION IN HEALTH EDUCATION

On November 1, 1991, a video conference among health education faculty from UMC, UMC, and UMKC was held to discuss the status of UM’s health education proposal to UWC. Professor Persens and Professor van
den Berg reported that the Health Mission Project Committee at UWC is interested in hosting UM health education faculty to engage in further development of joint activities.

UM health education representatives also expressed interest in hosting a UWC health education faculty visit to Missouri in 1992.

COOPERATION IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Also on November 1, 1991, a video conference was organized to explore cooperation in public administration between UM and UWC. Faculty from UMKC, UMC, and UMSL participated in the discussion with Professor Persens and Professor van den Berg.

Strong interest was expressed in a 1992 faculty exchange in public administration from UWC to build upon UMKC Professor Nick Peroff's visit to UWC in 1991.

USAID LINKAGE GRANT

On November 7, UM and UWC representatives conducted a teleconference with Dr. Ruth Frischer, Director of AID's University Development Linkage Program. The purpose of the discussion was to advocate rule changes at USAID that would make UWC an eligible partner with UM for linkage funding.

In 1991, all South African universities were determined to be ineligible for USAID's linkage program grants. Changes in UWC's eligibility are expected as a result of Congressional action, but the change is not anticipated in the near future.

VAN DEN BERG SABBATICAL BEGINS

Professor Owen van den Berg begins a one year sabbatical at Washington University in St. Louis in January 1992. He will be located in the education department. The search for a person to direct international programs at UWC is underway.

1991 EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES REVIEWED

1991 proved to be the most active year in the history of the UM/UWC exchange program. A total of 40 exchanges took place with funding provided by the U.S. Information Agency, the Kellogg Foundation, UM, UWC, and other sources. UM hosted 27 visitors from South Africa. UWC hosted 13 UM exchange participants.

COMMENTS FROM EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS

"If the university is to have an exchange program, it is hard to believe that there could be a more worthwhile one than this one. The UM System does not have a facility which can do Rutherford Back Scattering, and there have been several cases in which this technique would have been most useful in analyzing samples. The contact with UWC now makes it possible to send samples there and have them analyzed."

Ed Hale, Professor of Physics and Senior Investigator, Graduate Center for Materials Research, UMR.

"The program gave me an opportunity to re-examine what I believe to be important in teaching writing, to think through many of the ideas I take for granted, to re-evaluate what it means to empower students, to experience another culture, and to challenge myself professionally and personally."

Sallyanne Fitzgerald, Acting Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UMSL.

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