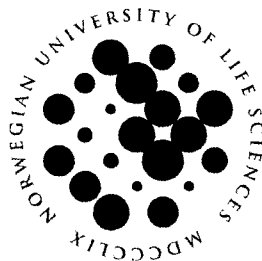


<b>UMB</b> <i>Forskn</i>	
28 JUN 2006	
Saksnr.: 03	11292-7
Ark: 074.6	Beh: 04

*Kopi: ADM. DIR  
SM2  
JAA  
DG*

**AGREEMENT ON STUDENT MOBILITY**  
**BETWEEN**  
**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**  
**AND**  
**NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES**



**1. Agreement to Cooperate**

Within the framework of the "Memorandum of Understanding between University of Minnesota and Norwegian University of Life Sciences" signed May 26, 2006, and with reference to the "Agreement on the Norwegian Centennial Interdisciplinary Chair" signed May 26, 2006, this "Agreement on Student Mobility" is signed to provide the details of the student exchange between University of Minnesota (UMN) and Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB).

**2. Areas of Cooperation**

The cooperation may concern any field or subject upon which the parties agree. It will include various activities, such as:

- Exchange of scholars
- Exchange of graduate and undergraduate students

**3. Definitions**

- i) For the purposes of this Agreement, "home" institution shall mean the institution at which the students intend to graduate and "host" institution shall mean the institution which has agreed to accept the student from the home institution.
- ii) Semester or academic year shall normally refer to the period relevant to the host institution.

**4. Purpose of the Agreement**

- i) The general purpose of this Agreement is to establish educational relations and co-operation between the two participating institutions in order to promote academic linkages and to widen the understanding of the culture of the two countries concerned.
- ii) The purpose of each student exchange is to enable students to enroll in subjects at the host institution for credit which will be applied towards their degree at their home institution.
- iii) The purpose of exchanges between Faculty members is to promote collaborative research, other educational developments and to further mutual understanding.

**5. Responsibilities of Participating Institutions and Students**

Each institution shall undertake all reasonable measures in order to ensure the success of this exchange program.

- i) Each institution agrees to accept and enroll undergraduate exchange students as full time, "non-award/non-degree" students for the duration of their exchange.
- ii) Each student will be provided with the same academic resources and support service that are available to all students at the host institution.
- iii) It will be the responsibility of each student to obtain official recognition from his or her home institution for subjects taken at the host institution.
- iv) It is the responsibility of the exchange student to ensure he or she obtains a copy of his or her official academic results covering the subjects taken during the period of the exchange.

## AGREEMENT ON STUDENT MOBILITY

- v) Exchange students will be subject to the rules and procedures as specified by the host institution for the academic period in which the student enrolls. The home institution will have responsibility for all matters concerning recognition of credits for subjects taken at the host institution.

### 6. Numbers

Subject to the availability of suitable candidates the University of Minnesota will offer up to five places at the cost of resident rate tuition and fees each academic year during the period of the Agreement. The Norwegian University of Life Sciences will offer up to five places at no tuition cost for each academic year during the period of the Agreement. Institutions may send students for one semester rather than for two semesters. Two students for one semester shall be equivalent to one student for two semesters. Numbers of students do not need to balance, although academic mobility on both sides is desired.

### 7. Selection and Enrollment of Students

It is expected that only students of high academic quality will be selected to participate in an exchange program. The selection of participants in the exchange program is the responsibility of the home institution. Final admission is determined by the host institution. Certain faculties may restrict the numbers of non-degree students enrolling. Undergraduate students are eligible to participate if they:

- i) have completed at least one year of full time study at their home institution;
- ii) are enrolled at their home and host institution for the full period of the exchange;
- iii) are approved by their home Faculty and host institution, and are deemed academically qualified to successfully complete the nominated subjects at the host institution. Each institution will inform the relevant International Office of subject availability, including enrollment limitations and conditions.
- iv) have obtained agreement from their home Faculty, that upon successful completion of the subjects at the host institution, full credit will be granted towards the degree at their home institution
- v) have satisfied any language proficiency requirements of the host institution. There are no language requirements for UMB students applying for an exchange place at UMN as long as they have a letter from UMB confirming that the students' skills in English are sufficient to allow them to succeed in their studies at UMN. This letter will be issued only if the students have the grade for English that is four (4) or better from their Norwegian high school. Others must document their proficiency of English with a TOEFL score of 550 or an IELTS score of 6.5.

Separate admission and tuition arrangements must be made for graduate or postgraduate students interested in participating. Depending on course availability it may be possible for students to enroll in graduate level courses.

Each institution will send the other completed applications for their students at least twelve (12) weeks before the beginning of the entry semester. The host institution reserves the right of final approval of the admission of a student

The two institutions will, in cooperation with the Executive Committee for the Norwegian Centennial Interdisciplinary Chair, seek additional funding to support mobility.

### 8. Responsibilities of Institutions

Exchange students will be provided with the following by the host institution at no cost to the student:

- Orientation Program
- Reports and Statement of Results

### 9. Responsibilities of Exchange Students

Exchange students will be financially responsible for:

- Travel to and from the host institution
- Books, stationery, etc.
- Travel documentation, visas, etc.
- Travel, accommodation and living expenses
- Student Association/General Services Charges
- International insurance coverage relevant to the exchange situation
- UMB students enrolling at UMN under this Agreement are responsible for payment of resident rate tuition and fees, including any special course fees as applicable (for example, music performance courses)

Students shall be responsible for obtaining adequate medical/health insurance coverage to the satisfaction of the host institution. Students from UMB are covered by the Norwegian Insurance Office for Social Insurance Abroad.

Exchange students will be subject to the rules and regulations of the host institution. Any breach of these rules will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary policy of the host university.

Participation in an exchange under this Agreement carries no expectation of subsequent transfer to the regular degree programs of the host university.

### 10. Accommodation

Every effort will be made to assist students to obtain accommodation within reasonable distance from the campus. Students must also be made aware that they are responsible for all costs associated with accommodation.

### 11. Exchange Students Families

The obligations of the universities under this Agreement are limited to exchange students only and do not extend to spouses or dependants. Where family arrangements are proposed, these are subject to approval by the host institution on the understanding that all additional expenses incurred by accompanying spouses and dependants are the responsibility of the exchange student.

### 12. Faculty and Staff Exchanges

The two institutions recognise the benefit derived from the exchange of Academic staff and Administrative staff. The details of such arrangements will be negotiated as appropriate and will be governed by the institutional staffing rules and relevant approval processes.

