

**Agreement for Academic Cooperation  
Between  
Fayetteville State University  
And  
Baotou Teachers' College**

This Agreement is made this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010 between Fayetteville State University ("FSU"), a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina with its principal place of business at 1200 Murchison Road, Fayetteville, NC 28301, USA, and Baotou Teachers' College ("BTTC"), a constituent institution of the Inner Mongolia University of Science and Technology with its principal place of business at 2 Kexue Lu, Baotou, Inner Mongolia, China.

FSU and BTTC, authorized and entrusted by their universities separately, on the basis of mutual benefits, advantageous exchange, and co-development, hereby make the following agreement on establishing a cooperative undergraduate program and faculty exchange program in English.

**1. Student Exchange Program and Financial Responsibility:**

- 1.1 FSU and BTTC do hereby agree that the length of the dual degree program is at least four (4) years, which shall consist of at least eight (8) semesters that can be divided into two (2) stages. During the first stage lasting for two (2) years encompassing semesters one (1) through four (4), students will study the common basic and professional basic courses at BTTC. During the second stage lasting for at least two (2) academic years, students will continue studying at least 64 remaining credit hours of English Language and Literature undergraduate courses at FSU.
- 1.2 FSU and BTTC do hereby agree to establish a United Management Committee (UMC) before July 20, 2010. The UMC shall be responsible for designing and organizing a four-year curriculum plan for the cooperative undergraduate program. The UMC shall consist of two (2) faculty members and one (1) administrator from each institution. At least once per year, a majority of each institution's members shall meet.
- 1.3 FSU and BTTC do hereby agree that upon successful completion of all the courses according to the procedures set forth in paragraph 1.1, students from BTTC can receive diplomas for undergraduate study and a Bachelor's degree in "English" granted by BTTC, and a Bachelor's degree in "English Language and Literature" granted by FSU.

- 1.4 BTTC does hereby agree to recruit only well-qualified students. Only students who passed the entrance examination for BTTC shall be considered to have met the requirements for enrollment into this program. The undergraduate students must have a TOEFL score at or above the minimum requirements set by FSU before coming to FSU.
- 1.5 FSU does hereby agree to admit qualified students that are enrolled in the program to be educated for at least two (2) years during the second stage of study to earn a Bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature. Students who complete the first stage of study will be reviewed by the UMC. In addition, the committee will be responsible for recommending student enrollment to FSU to continue the second stage of study. The number of students coming to FSU for the second stage of study will be mutually agreed upon by FSU and BTTC. Students shall meet all admission and registration requirements for international students as described in the current FSU undergraduate catalog.
- 1.6 FSU and BTTC do hereby agree that students who are not able to obtain a U.S. visa for the second stage of study at FSU will remain at BTTC to complete the Bachelor's degree in "English." FSU will not be obligated to issue a degree under such circumstances.
- 1.7 FSU does hereby agree to assist BTTC in resolving any individual questions or problems that might arise regarding the BTTC student's application and/or registration process, subject to published deadline dates.
- 1.8 FSU does hereby agree to accept the transfer credits from BTTC for courses designated by the UMC.
- 1.9 FSU and BTTC do hereby agree that BTTC students entering the second stage of study at FSU shall be fully responsible for the payment of tuition and fees to FSU at the current rate, book costs, living expenses, travel, and any other expenses that may arise during their stay at FSU. All BTTC students are required to participate in FSU's International Student Health Plan for the duration of their enrollment at FSU.

## 2. Faculty Exchange and Financial Responsibility:

- 2.1 FSU faculty and BTTC faculty shall be encouraged to participate in exchanges and to develop mutually beneficial research interests in Education.

- 2.2 FSU does hereby agree to send no more than three (3) qualified faculty members every year, on a voluntary basis, to teach 3- to 4-week condensed courses at BTTC. Tuition and fees for such courses shall be paid by students enrolled in these courses to BTTC at its current rate. Living, international and domestic travel, and any other expenses, including faculty stipends for teaching such courses, shall be the full responsibility of BTTC. The detailed arrangements and stipends shall be negotiated by FSU and BTTC and approved by each institution prior to any actual exchange occurring.
- 2.3 BTTC does hereby agree to select no more than two (2), qualified faculty members with strong English backgrounds to visit FSU, each year. Living, international and domestic travel, and any other expenses, including appropriate health insurance for these faculty members shall be the full responsibility of BTTC. FSU does hereby agree to invite no more than two (2) faculty members from BTTC, each year, to visit FSU and learn how to teach courses in English. The number of exchange faculty members and the length of working time of each exchange faculty member at FSU should be mutually agreed upon by both parties.
- 2.4 FSU and BTTC do hereby agree to provide the exchange faculty from BTTC with opportunities for knowledge upgrading. BTTC exchange faculty members may either audit courses for no credit or take courses for credit at FSU. FSU tuition and fees will apply to for-credit courses and a nominal fee will apply to audited courses at the current rates.
- 2.5 FSU and BTTC will endeavor to assist the participating BTTC faculty to obtain the proper visa documents. However, FSU and BTTC cannot assure that the U.S. visas will be issued.
- 2.6 In order to assure that FSU or BTTC faculty have health insurance valid in China or the United States, all faculty shall provide evidence of satisfactory health insurance coverage for the duration of their stay abroad.

### 3. General

#### 3.1 Non-Exclusivity

Participation in this Agreement is not exclusive and shall not prevent FSU or BTTC from entering into similar agreements with other institutions.

#### 3.2 Term and Termination

This agreement will be subject to annual review by both institutions. Further details of this cooperative agreement shall be collaborated upon through mutual consultation. This Agreement will be in effect from the

date first executed and shall continue for a period of five (5) years thereafter. Either party may terminate this Agreement earlier upon providing a one (1) year notice to the other. Students enrolled in this program as of the date of termination will be allowed to complete their studies.

### 3.3 Notice

In order to discuss detailed matters and to transmit information, both universities will appoint a program liaison, who will act as the point of communication. Any notice to either party must be in writing signed by the party giving it, and shall be served either personally or by air courier to the following addresses:

#### To FSU

Dr. Edward McShane, Chair  
Department of English  
Fayetteville State University  
1200 Murchison Rd  
Fayetteville, NC 28301, USA

#### To BTTC

Professor Liu Jianying, Dean  
Faculty of Foreign Languages  
Baotou Teachers' College  
2 Kexue Lu  
Baotou, Inner Mongolia, China

### 3.5 Advertising

FSU and BTTC may not use the other's name, seal or other identifying or proprietary information unless such has been approved in writing.

### 3.6 Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina in the United States of America. Both parties agree that the State of North Carolina is the exclusive jurisdiction in which to resolve any dispute under this Agreement.

The representatives of Fayetteville State University and Baotou Teachers' College, by jointly signing this cooperative agreement do hereby affirm their strong belief that the newly established relationship between the two institutions will greatly benefit their faculty and students in the future.

This agreement is prepared in Chinese and English with same contents, and both are equally binding.

  
James A. Anderson  
Chancellor  
Fayetteville State University

  
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Chu, Zhizhuang  
President  
Bautou Teachers' College

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