# Addendum

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## Agreement of Cooperation and Exchange

Soochow University, PRC (SU) and Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, acting for and on behalf of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (UA), hereby agree to the following Addendum to their Agreement of Cooperation and Exchange dated March 8, 2015 ("Agreement"). This Addendum is intended to clarify certain aspects of the parties' plan for a 3+1 undergraduate dual degree program in Supply Chain Management. In the event of any conflict between this Addendum and the Agreement, the provisions of this Addendum shall control. A copy of the Agreement is attached and incorporated by reference herein.

#### 1) Courses Plan:

- A) The institutions have agreed on an eight semester course plan identifying courses to be taught by SU and transferred to UA, courses taught by UA in Suzhou as well as courses taught by UA in Arkansas. These plans are attached to this Addendum as spreadsheets, which are incorporated by reference herein, and both parties have agreed to abide by this course sequencing. Note that for the first cohort Calculus 1 is taught in semester 2, but in the future it will take place in semester 1.
- B) For those courses taught at SU and requiring transfer, syllabi are created by SU for approval by UA. Once the SU syllabi have been approved by UA officials, UA will complete the approval process with the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE). SU agrees to hire faculty who will be qualified to deliver the material in the syllabi and agrees to abide by that content (or any revised content) moving forward.
- C) The sequencing includes 59 hours of U of A courses, 18 of which will take place at Suzhou. These are identified on the attached spreadsheets. The remainder will take place in Arkansas in year 4.
  - D) The ADHE generally requires that a minimum of 60 credit hours for students must be taken as UAF courses to get a UAF degree. Now, the both parties have agreed that students will take a minimum of 59 credit hours and believe that this arrangement will be acceptable to ADHE.

#### 2) Finances and Tuition Arrangements:

- A) 18 credits of the 59 credits will be charged at UA Global campus rate for tuition and fees (currently \$310.09 per credit hour). The remaining 41 hours will be charged at the normal tuition and fee rate for international students. Currently this figure is \$833.83 per credit hour (including fees).
- B) Note that UA tuition and fee levels change over time, and students will pay the current rate for the year that they take the class. It is important to recognize that UA tuition and fees (including for courses in Walton College of Business) can change yearly and are not predictable ahead of time (although there is a strong desire by UA to avoid large increases in

tuition and fees for students). It is also important to recognize that Walton College of Business classes (which compose most of the UA 59 credit hours) involve differential tuition; briefly, WCOB courses include a per-credit hour charge that is higher than for other UA courses; this additional charge applies to all Walton College students.(more information is available on the UA website).

- C) Tuition and fees for the 18 hours of U of A Global Campus courses shall be paid by students at the end of the Spring semester of year 3, prior to the beginning of the UA summer session. All Global Campus charges must be paid before students come to the U.S.
- D) Students shall be charged tuition and fees for the remaining 41 credits on a semester-bysemester basis following their arrival at UA.
- E) Payment for all UA tuition and fees will be paid by students to the UA Treasurer. Payment instructions will be provided to students when billing statements are issued.

### 3) Other arrangements:

- A) It is expected that there will be 100 students per cohort as outlined in the MOU. However, it is recognized that in this first cohort some attrition may occur due to several effects (e.g., the confusion over payment, failure to meet language or GPA requirement, etc.). Both parties shall work to minimize the attrition ratio.
- B) The two universities have agreed that Suzhou Chrysalis Education and Development Company Ltd, a contractor of SU, is the coordinator of this program for activities in China. For UA courses offered by UA faculty in Suzhou, Chrysalis will pay the University of Arkansas the normal faculty payment by SU (the rate that SU pays SU faculty), and UA will pay UA faculty according to UA policies. Chrysalis will pay directly for faculty airfare and housing. This company will provide services to instructors of courses at no charge to UA.

Remaining details regarding the obligations and responsibilities of both SU and UA are addressed in the Agreement, which remains in full force and effect.

This Addendum is in duplicate in the Chinese and English languages, but texts being legally binding. Both texts are in two copies for each party.

This Addendum is hereby agreed to as of the date last signed by authorized representatives of the respective parties.

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## **Executed as an Agreement:**

Soochow University

Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, Acting for and on behalf of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville:

Zhu Xiulin President G. David Gearhart Chancellor

Date

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