

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – I

DATE: May 10, 2022

SUBJECT

Agreement on Academic Cooperation – SDSU

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 5:3](#) – Agreements and Contracts

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

BOR Policy 5:3 requires board action on a range of items including “Affiliative agreements and other agreements that provide for joint sponsorship of educational programing for which credit shall be awarded.” To comply with this requirement, South Dakota State University (SDSU) seeks approval to enter into an agreement on academic cooperation with Vietnam National University of Agriculture (VNUA), Vietnam.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

This agreement will assist in facilitating collaborative opportunities between the two universities. The agreement may result in the opportunity for joint research, faculty collaboration and potential faculty/student exchange. Additional joint activities, such as student or faculty exchange, will require the execution of a separate agreement.

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – Agreement on Academic Cooperation: Vietnam National University of Agriculture

DRAFT MOTION 20220510_5-I:

I move to approve South Dakota State University’s agreement on academic cooperation with Vietnam National University of Agriculture, as presented.



**AGREEMENT ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, THE USA
AND
VIETNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, VIETNAM**

On the basis of a mutual commitment to further international understanding and friendship, to share academic knowledge and to establish and develop mutually beneficial academic contacts, South Dakota State University (SDSU) and Vietnam National University of Agriculture (VNUA) agree to the following:

I. Scope of the Cooperation

- Article 1. The institutions agree to exchange experience and information on questions of pedagogy, organization and contents of instruction, and the training of faculty and students, as appropriate. The area of exchange shall cover academic disciplines to be determined and negotiated by both parties and may specifically include (*list specific academic disciplines to be included in this agreement, if applicable*).
- Article 2. The institutions agree to exchange scientific and technical expertise, educational practices, as well as exhibitions and other materials, as appropriate, illustrating the activities and achievements of both institutions.
- Article 3. The institutions agree, as appropriate, to help faculty member of both parties conduct joint research projects.
- Article 4. Both institutions agree to discuss other proposals relating to future collaborations and exchange, including the possibility of brief exchange visits, joint publication of research, student and faculty exchange, and other similar projects as appropriate.

II. Appointment of Coordinators

- Article 5. Each institution shall designate an individual who will serve as coordinator for this agreement. The coordinator will be responsible for maintaining, revising, and/or and renewing the agreement, as appropriate. In addition, each institution shall name at least one academic contact, and this person will coordinate the specific aspects of the agreement.
- Article 6. The following individuals at each institution will be responsible for coordinating this agreement:

<p>South Dakota State University</p> <p>PRIMARY CONTACT FOR AGREEMENT Name: Sally A. Gillman, Ph.D. Title: Director for Education Abroad Office: Office of International Affairs Mailing Address: Briggs Library, Suite 119 Brookings, SD 57007 Email: sally.gillman@sdstate.edu Telephone: 605-688-6094 Fax: 605-688-6340</p> <p>ACADEMIC UNIT CONTACT Name: Robert Thaler, Ph.D. Title: Distinguished Professor/Extension Specialist-Swine Office: Animal Science Complex 114 Mailing Address: Box 2170 Brookings, SD 57007 Email: robert.thaler@sdstate.edu Telephone: (605) 688-5435 Fax: 605-688-6320</p>	<p>Vietnam National University of Agriculture</p> <p>PRIMARY CONTACT FOR AGREEMENT Name: Nguyen Viet Long Title: Director Office: International Cooperation Office Mailing Address: Vietnam National University of Agriculture, Trau Quy, Gia Lam, Hanoi, Vietnam Email: nvlong@vnua.edu.vn Telephone: 84 024 62617549 Fax: 84 024 62617586</p> <p>ACADEMIC UNIT CONTACT Name: Nguyen Viet Dang Title: Director Office: Training Management Office Mailing Address: Vietnam National University of Agriculture, Trau Quy, Gia Lam, Hanoi, Vietnam Email: nguyenvietdang@vnua.edu.vn Telephone: 84 024 62617520 Fax: 84 024 62617586</p>
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Article 7. The individuals in the positions listed above agree to respond to inquiries and correspondence from the partner institution in a timely and efficient manner.

VI. Terms of Agreement

Article 8. This agreement shall be valid for a period of five years. This agreement will be effective upon signature of the responsible authority of each institution and may be terminated by either party by given written notice to the other institution six months in advance of the date of termination. A termination of the agreement will not affect persons who have already begun an exchange under its provisions.

Article 9. Matters not provided in this agreement shall be decided by mutual agreement between the two institutions. Additional joint activities, such as student or faculty exchange, will require the execution of a separate agreement.

Article 10. Modifications of this agreement shall be made in the form of a written addendum signed by both parties.

Article 11. Nothing in the above agreement shall be construed as being legally binding.


Article 12. This agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority for this purpose from the Legislature of the State of South

Dakota. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate or grant expenditure authority or if funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, this agreement will be terminated by the State. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by the State nor does it give rise to a claim against the State.


In the spirit of international friendship and cooperation, we hereby set our signatures:

for South Dakota State University

for Vietnam National University of Agriculture


Barry H. Dunn, President

Nguyen Thi Lan, President


Date: _____

Date: _____