

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 7 – I
DATE: June 21-22, 2023

SUBJECT

Agreements 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 programming for which credit shall be awarded.” To comply with this requirement, South Dakota State University (SDSU) seeks approval to enter into two agreements on academic cooperation and student exchange with the Universidad de los Llanos of Villavicencio in Meta, Colombia.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

The agreement results in the opportunity for student and faculty/staff exchanges. The agreement outlines a six-month Visiting Research Scholar position at SDSU for a specific student from the partner university, with the option for further collaboration in the future.

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – Agreement on Academic Cooperation - SDSU

DRAFT MOTION 20230621_7-I:

I move to approve South Dakota State University’s agreement on academic cooperation with the Universidad de los Llanos of Villavicencio, as presented.



**AGREEMENT ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, USA
AND
UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS LLANOS OF VILLAVICENCIO, META,
COLOMBIA
FOR A VISITING RESEARCH SCHOLAR**

On the basis of a mutual commitment to further international understanding and friendship, to share academic knowledge and to establish and develop mutually beneficial opportunity for a Visiting Scholar at South Dakota State University (SDSU) from the Universidad de los Llanos 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.
- 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 members of both parties to conduct joint research projects. Specifically, to offer to **Andrés Felipe Bolivar Sierra**, a PhD student in Agricultural Sciences at Universidad de los Llanos Colombia a Visiting Research Scholar position in the Monogastric Nutrition Group for up six months at South Dakota State University.
- Article 4. Both institutions agree to discuss other proposals relating to future collaborations, including the possibility of brief exchange visits, joint publication of research, and other similar projects as appropriate.

II. Visiting Research Scholars -Visa and Insurance Requirements

- A. Under this agreement, Visiting Research Scholars taking part in programs at South Dakota State University shall comply with the immigration requirements of the host university.

- B. South Dakota State University and Universidad de los Llanos will provide the appropriate assistance to the Visiting Research Scholar and will assist with finding appropriate housing near campus.
- C. The Host Institution shall provide the Visiting Research Scholar with a formal letter of invitation and other documents as may be required to establish Visiting Scholar status to obtain a J-1 visa.
- D. The Department of Animal Science at South Dakota State University will offer to **Andrés Felipe Bolívar Sierra**, a PhD student in Agricultural Sciences at Universidad de los Llanos, a Visiting Research Scholar position in the Monogastric Nutrition Group for up to six months. This will give him an opportunity to expand his experience in the area of swine nutrition from the perspective of the U.S. swine industry. His work will include assisting with projects evaluating the impact of different swine strategies on young pig growth performance and health status and interacting with U.S. swine industry. His starting date is March and his appointment will conclude on September, 2023.
- E. The Visiting Research Scholar, besides assisting with research in the laboratory, will participate in seminars, industry meetings, and journal clubs in the Department. The Visiting Scholar is also encouraged to interact with other groups in the Department as well as with scientists in other parts of the University where they find areas of mutual interests. The Visiting Scholar, **Andrés Felipe Bolívar Sierra** will report to both Jorge Yair Pérez Palencia at South Dakota State University and Pablo Emilio Cruz Casallas at Universidad de los Llanos.
- F. The Visiting Research Scholar will purchase health insurance with the South Dakota Board of Regents plan or in his home country. In addition, an official copy of the Visiting Research Scholar's diploma, which is needed for his official appointment, will be required.
- G. The institutions agree to comply with all applicable U.S. export control laws and regulations.

III. 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:

South Dakota State University	Universidad de los Llanos
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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.

IV. 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


Barry H. Dunn, President

4-20-23
Date:

for Universidad de los Llanos

Pablo Emilio Cruz Casallas, Director

Date: