

A G R E E M E N T

Between York University, Toronto, Canada, and the "Aristoteleio" University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece.

PREAMBLE

In recognition of the importance of academic exchanges, and in particular:

- (1) To identify and employ to mutual benefit existing complementarities in the academic strengths of the two Universities.
- (2) To exchange information on the unique programmes of each institution and to thereby broaden the spectrum of academic activity at each.
- (3) To recognize the growing importance of the Hellenic Community in Ontario (and Metropolitan Toronto in particular) and to strengthen ties between York University and the Hellenic element in Toronto.
- (4) To foster understanding between Canada and Greece.

York University and the "Aristoteleio" University of Thessaloniki subscribe to the following agreement:

A. ADMINISTRATION AND DURATION OF AGREEMENT

- (1) This agreement shall be in force for three years, from the date it is signed, and is renewable, thereafter, with the mutual consent of the two Universities. Such consent to renew must be arrived at by March 15 of the year in which the agreement is terminated. Failure to renew will not alter the responsibilities of the parties to carry out the terms of the agreement with respect to any students who have already been admitted to the host University.
- (2) Each University will publicize this agreement within their respective institution.
- (3) Each University will appoint, at the earliest time possible pursuant to the signing of the agreement, an administrator or coordinator for this exchange programme and will keep the other University informed as to his/her name and address.

B. FACULTY EXCHANGE PROGRAMME AND RESEARCH

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- (1) In order to facilitate international research, faculty development and the sharing of joint research interests and projects, each University agrees to welcome designated visiting faculty members, research fellows or research associates (the latter normally being advanced students at the doctoral dissertation level), from the other institution. Normally, the total number of scholars from each University shall not exceed four ⁽⁴⁾ per year.

Visiting scholars shall remain on their home institution's payroll and, if appropriate, and when possible, be paid a monthly cost of living supplement by the host University. Furthermore, each institution agrees to provide some form of office accommodation, library privileges and the right to audit University courses without charge. Whenever possible, each University agrees to facilitate the locating of suitable accommodation for the visiting scholars, in accordance with the laws governing the host institution. The host University will not be responsible for travel expenses.

- (2) Visiting faculty may be invited in accordance with the laws governing the host institution, to teach a scheduled course and in those instances they would normally be paid by the host institution at the salary rates governing visiting professors. Lectures will be given either in the language of the receiving country or in one of English, French or German.
- (3) When visiting faculty or researchers from each University are to be simultaneously hosted by the partner institution, they may be urged to exchange housing, transport and the like on a personal basis.
- (4) Each University will, as required, provide the other with existing research information including technical reports in order that joint research interests may be developed.
- (5) Both Universities will strive to promote joint conferences and publications in areas of mutual interest.

C. NUMBER OF STUDENTS SELECTED AND THE SELECTION CRITERIA

- (1) Each year, each University may select a small number of its graduate students to spend one or two terms at the other University. The number must be mutually acceptable to both institutions.
- (2) The students will be selected according to criteria and procedures established by the home University, subject to the following requirements:

- (a) Students from York University must meet Greek language admission requirements and pass applicable admission tests as required by the University of Thessaloniki.
 - (b) Students from the University of Thessaloniki must have successfully completed at least one year of University-level English language training, or the equivalent, and must present a TOEFL score of at least 580, or the equivalent, and must meet English language admission requirements of York University.
 - (c) Students from both Universities must have achieved an average of at least B (or 7), or equivalent, in their University work.
- (3) Should either institution select students, the home University shall inform the host University of their names no later than March 15 of the calendar year in which the students are to begin studies under the exchange programme.

D. ADMISSION TO, AND STATUS AT, HOST UNIVERSITY

- (1) Students selected by their home University, in accordance with C. above, will be admitted to the host University as special students upon receipt of the following:
 - (a) A completed application form of the host University.
 - (b) An official transcript from the home University.
 - (c) An official letter of nomination from the home University indicating that the student has been selected pursuant to this agreement, with supporting documents, if any (e.g. TOEFL score); this letter, indicating which courses the student may take for credit (see E.2 below), replaces the letter of permission currently required at York University.
 - (d) A copy of whatever medical and legal (visa) documentation may be required by the host University in accordance with the laws of the land. The Universities undertake to inform each other of the particulars of the requirements for such documentation in good time.
- (2) Exchange graduate students under this agreement registered at the host University remain degree candidates at their home University and may normally participate in the exchange for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

E. COURSE WORK AT THE HOST UNIVERSITY

- (1) The Universities agree to exchange calendars annually and to provide such information on courses and programmes as may be necessary for students selected to make an informed choice of courses. The host University undertakes to advise students from the partner University on course selection and to provide access to all courses for which the student is academically qualified. Where academic qualification is determined by placement test or interview, the student will complete these, before being placed.
- (2) The host institution will assess the course work of the exchange students according to its normal practices and will provide a complete record of the student's course work as soon as possible at the end of the academic year. The Universities agree that academic work done during the exchange will be applicable to a student's degree programme at his/her home institution (provided that the student has secured in advance the approval of his/her home institution for the programme to be undertaken abroad).



F. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- (1) Students participating in the programme will pay tuition, if applicable, at their home institution. (There are no tuition fees in Greece.) No tuition payments will be required of exchange students at the host institution; course materials, computer-use fees, and other incidental student fees are excepted, and may be required of exchange students by the host institution.
- (2) Visiting students will be eligible to receive appropriate grants, fellowships, or assistantships according to the regulations of the host country and University.
- (3) No monetary consideration will be exchanged between York University and the University of Thessaloniki as part of this agreement. This excludes the financial assistance which individual scholars and/or students may receive from their host institution.
- (4) In the event that a student withdraws, if such procedure is applicable at his/her home institution, from the programme prematurely, the withdrawal and refund policies of the student's home institution shall apply.

G. TRAVEL AND VISA ARRANGEMENTS

- (1) Travel arrangements and expenses will be the responsibility of

each exchange student.

- (2) Each exchange student is responsible for obtaining a visa and related documents, required to study in the country of the host institution. The host institution shall provide students selected to study there with any University certification needed to obtain a student visa for the full period of the exchange.

H. ACCOMMODATION, MEALS, HEALTH INSURANCE AND OTHER STUDENT SERVICES

- (1) The host institution will attempt to secure room in student residences for participating students who desire such accommodations and will assist in locating private rooms upon request. The offer of such assistance does not constitute an obligation to provide housing for exchange students. Students from "Aristoteleio" University who are housed in York University student residences must also purchase a meal plan. The full cost of room and board are the responsibility of the exchange student and will be paid directly to those providing the service.
- (2) All participating students will be required to carry adequate health insurance and to provide proof to the host institution that this insurance will cover the cost of health care for the full period of the exchange. Such insurance may be purchased at home or through the host institution.
- (3) The full range of services normally available to foreign students, regularly enrolled at the host institution, shall be provided to exchange students under this agreement. These include (but are not limited to) adequate orientation, academic advising, assistance with housing and the like, and access to recreational and academic facilities.
- (4) The host institution's code of acceptable academic and extra-academic conduct applies to participating exchange students. In exceptional cases of non-compliance, students may be required by the host institution to return to their home country.

I. ON-GOING ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

- (1) The institutions agree to cooperate in preparing an annual report on work-in-progress and programme activities, and in evaluating the programme at regular intervals or as seems appropriate.
- (2) The agreement is written in English and Greek and both versions shall be equally valid.

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- (3) The terms of this agreement may be amended, at any time, by mutual written consent of the parties.

The following signatures are affixed as acknowledgement and ratification of the terms of agreement stipulated above:



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DATE: 31/3/88



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