



Memorandum of Understanding
between
Bauhaus University Weimar
and
Universidad Austral de Chile
to facilitate Research and Teaching Activities

In Valdivia, on September 7th, 2011, the Bauhaus University Weimar, represented by its Rector, Prof. Dr. Ing. Karl Beucke, both parties permanent residents of the city of Weimar, and the Universidad Austral de Chile, represented on behalf of its Rector Dr. Victor Cubillos Godoy, both parties permanent residents of the city of Valdivia, sign this Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate collaborative research and teaching activities based on the headings set out below:

FIRST: THE PARTIES

1 .- The Bauhaus University Weimar, is an institution of Higher Education, that aims to the cultural and material progress of society through the under graduate and post graduate education and research.

2 .- Universidad Austral de Chile, hereinafter referred to as 'UACH', is a Corporation under Private Law and a nonprofit institution of Higher Education. Its mission is to contribute to the cultural and material progress of society through the generation and diffusion of scientific and humanistic knowledge, technological advances, and artistic creations, in accordance with the University's historical traditions and the region and country's requirements for sustainable development.



SECOND: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

UACH and the Bauhaus University Weimar recognize that they have areas of common interest and similar aims for academic, scientific, cultural and institutional development. Thus, the parties consider that it is relevant and appropriate to engage in mutual cooperation in these areas in order to facilitate the achievement of the proposed objectives.

THIRD: PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT.

UACH and the Bauhaus University Weimar agree to carry out direct academic collaborations in the areas of research, teaching and the exchange of academic staff, graduate and undergraduate students. Additionally, the institutions aim to cooperate administratively to guide and develop the collaborative activities and to define appropriate procedures for cultural cooperation between both universities.

FOURTH: SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF COOPERATION

UACH and the Bauhaus University Weimar will collaborate in the following areas:

1. Exchange of undergraduate and postgraduate students.
2. Exchange of academic staff for continuing education and/or the development of teaching, study or research activities.
3. Organization of conferences, training sessions and joint meetings.
4. Joint scientific research projects, especially in the architectural and urban planning studies.
5. Exchange of publications, academic materials and other information.

In accordance with this framework, the parties state their intention of developing collaboration activities related to the general purpose of this agreement as set out under the third heading.



FIFTH: IMPLEMENTATION

To implement the activities identified under the fourth heading, each mutually identified and agreed upon activity shall be covered by a separate Agreement, which will be signed by the representatives of both institutions and annexed to this Memorandum. These Agreements will provide the base for specific terms and conditions under which the activities shall be undertaken under the terms of this Memorandum. These specific Agreements can be signed at any time that the Memorandum is effective (see Ninth heading).

SIXTH: STUDENT EXCHANGE

The parties agree to organize and facilitate student exchanges through specific Agreements, in accordance with the provisions stipulated under the preceding heading, and will include, at least the following provisions:

- 1.- Student exchange will be for a period of one or two semesters and the number of exchange students to be received by each party will be determined by mutual agreement between the two institutions.
- 2.- Each institution will be responsible for proposing suitably qualified candidates for the student exchange program in accordance with the enrolment requirements of the host institution, which will ensure maximum flexibility to resolve any problems in relation to the current requirements of the receiving country.
- 3.- The exchange students will be enrolled at the host institution with all current rights and obligations. They must have an adequate knowledge of the host country's language in order to achieve the objectives of their stay.
- 4.- Exchange students will be exempt from university tuition fees at the host university. However, each student will be responsible for their own travel and living expenses, as well as insurance and any other personal expenses during the period of the exchange. All students which apply to be received by the UACH must pay a registration fee. The amount of this specific fee will be stipulated annually and informed previous to the application.



SEVENTH: EXCHANGE OF ACADEMIC STAFF

The parties agree that for the exchange of academic staff of the universities, specific Agreements, in accordance with the fifth heading, will be drawn up and signed by both parties. These Agreements will contain the following provisions:

- 1.- For academic exchanges, the parties will undertake to identify candidates that are suitable to perform the activities outlined in the present agreement, following procedures established for this purpose.
- 2.- Unless otherwise agreed between by both institutions, academic staff that participate in the exchange program will not incur any employment relationship with the host institution. Thus under all circumstances the employment relationship of the academic staff will remain with the University of origin.
- 3.- The parties agree to provide appropriate conditions for the exchange academic staff to allow the correct development of agreed activities.
- 4.- Exchange academic staff will be responsible for their living costs while at the host institution.

EIGHTH: COORDINATION

To facilitate development of the agreement and ensure its proper implementation, the Vice-Rector or Director for International Relations of each institution will facilitate communication between academic units and aid in evaluations of the activities carried out.

NINETH: ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION

This Memorandum shall become effective upon its signing by both parties for a period of three years and will be renewable for equal and successive periods, if neither party expresses in writing its intention to terminate the Memorandum at least three months before the current period expires.



TENTH: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT


Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this Memorandum or specific Agreements annexed to the Memorandum will be resolved through direct negotiation with a harmonious relationship maintained between the parties.

ELEVENTH: COPIES

This agreement will be signed in two copies with the same content for each party.


Dr. Victor Cubillos
Rector
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Prof. Dr. Ing. Karl Beucke
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