Latin America Regional Strategy Group Report

Year 1

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Related Local Institutions

Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati USA

Activities of Focus for Next Few Years

- Increase UC study abroad in Latin America, developing internships & co-op opportunities
- Work to recruit more students from the region
- Revitalize and energize former relationships in the region
- Encourage faculty exchange; identify funding for five such exchanges
- Organize a collaborative conference with partner institutions focusing on millennium development goals
Countries of Focus in Latin America for Potential Strategic Alliance

The Latin America Regional Strategy Group identified the following four countries on which to focus. Their choices were based upon group members’ personal visits and experiences, a review of present and past relationships, areas of opportunity, and curricular similarities.

Brazil

UC has either memoranda of understanding or activity agreements with the following institutions in Brazil:

Federal University of Parana
Federal University of Pernambuco
Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
Institute For Research And Urban Planning of Curitiba
Municipality of Recife
State University of Campinas
University of Brasilia
University of Sao Paulo

Of these, the majority are for student exchange. One is for exchange of teaching staff, joint research projects, exchange of students, shared courses and subjects with the UC College of Medicine.

Relationships with Curitiba have been on-going since the 1980s with UC’s planning and architecture programs. Similarly, planning and architecture are involved with the Municipality of Recife as they develop their built environment for the World Cup in 2014.

The Strategy Group has preliminarily decided to re-energize relationships with Curitiba, Recife and the Federal University of Goias.

Chile

The university has had a student exchange relationship with Universidad del Desarrollo for ten years. This program is working well and the Strategy Group recommends that we focus development of other relationships on Universidad del Desarrollo and explore possibilities with Universidad Diego Portales.

Ecuador

The Strategy Group has identified Ecuador as an excellent location for service learning opportunities. The country is politically and economically stable and offers many opportunities. Currently, UC does not have an institutional partner in Ecuador.

To that end, they will explore further relationship with FLACSO Ecuador – one of several FLACSO countries. FLACSO was created as an international, inter-governmental, regional and autonomous body comprised of Latin American and Caribbean countries to assure the training of experts in Social Sciences in Latin America by means of specialization courses at the post-graduate level.

UC faculty experts in gender studies, biology, botany, and health care have all been active in Ecuador.

Mexico

Historically, UC has had either memoranda of understanding or activity agreements with the following institutions in Mexico:

Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon
Instituto Tecnologico de Monterrey in Queretaro
Universidad de las Americas-Puebla
University Del Valle de Atemajac
University of Guadalajara
University of Monterrey
University of Sonora

Currently, the relationships with Tecnologico de Monterrey and the University of Monterrey are active.

The Strategy Group has identified the following institutions for further evaluation due to current faculty relationships with these institutions:

Instituto Tecnologico de Monterrey in Queretaro
Universidad de Las Americas in Puebla
Universidad Benemérita de Puebla