EUROPE REGIONAL STRATEGY
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Related Local Organizations

European American Chamber of Commerce

Activities of Focus for the Next Few Years

- Continue to diversify and deepen our collaboration with the Université de Bordeaux
- Determine institutional partner in Spain
- Identify potential partner institution(s) in Eastern Europe
- Investigate Erasmus+ funding opportunities and apply with partner institutions as appropriate
- Explore dual degree programs such as Engineering/Spanish for the Professions
- Work with partner institutions to identify short-term Program opportunities both at UC and at European partner location
- Explore faculty research opportunities with partners, as well as summer programs for faculty
2014-15 Europe Strategy Group Summary

The Europe Regional Strategy Group has made considerable progress this year in identify the first countries of focus and optimal university partners. The countries and institutions of focus are below.

France
This year’s committee has selected the University of Bordeaux as our strategic partner in France. This resulted from emails, video conferences and visits to two institutions in the region.

University of Bordeaux
The University of Bordeaux has been most enthusiastic about our partnership and has sent a delegation from the three universities that comprise the University of Bordeaux. We have begun our faculty exchange relationship, having just had two UBx faculty here for 7-10 days. After Spring graduation, three UC faculty will visit colleagues, give a seminar, meet members of the department, and work to identify collaborative research/scholarship projects. A fourth faculty member will lead a group of students to UBx as part of a European Studies class.

Germany
Our connections with our German partners continue to grow. Vice Provost Mehta has recently returned from visiting our two German partners and we are looking forward to receiving a delegation from Munich in June as part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of our Sister City relationship.

Ludwig Maximilian University – Munich
UC has enjoyed a collaborative relationship with the LMU for close to 20 years. This past June, we signed a new Student Mobility agreement allowing for qualified LMU medical students to come to UC for clinical rotations and UC students to participate in a medical elective at LMU. A small UC contingent visited in late June in order to coincide with the 25th anniversary Cincinnati/Munich Sister City celebration.

Technical University of Munich
While in Munich last June, members of our group visited TUM. They offer programs in natural sciences, engineering, medicine, life sciences, business and economics, teaching and educational research many of which are not available at LMU. Subsequent to that we have signed a Student Exchange agreement with TUM. This year our Lindner Honors Plus students spent a week at TUM.

Spain
A delegation of members of the Europe Strategy Group has just returned from visiting three potential strategic partners in Spain. One of our difficulties in Spain has been identifying an institution that is sufficiently broad in disciplines and that offers significant instruction in English for potential exchange students.

Following this trip, the delegation debriefed and decided that of the three the University of the Basque Country seems to be the best candidate for a strategic partner.

University of the Basque Country
UBC has been recognized as an International Research Campus and is a partner of the University of Bordeaux. They offer the highest number of degrees, have three campuses, and a third of their classes are in English. We will move forward with more discussion via videoconference and focus on UBC this coming year to see how the relationship develops.

Carlos III University Madrid
UC3M is a relatively small, innovative, public university with which we have exchanged a small number of students annually. They offer a lot of instruction in English; however they do not have a very broad range of disciplines. The delegation decided that for next year at least we will confine our relationship with them to continuing student exchange and not seek to expand it at this time.