MIDDLE EAST & NO. AFRICA STRATEGY GROUP REPORT
YEAR 3

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Related Local Organization
Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati
Jewish Federation of Cincinnati

Activities of Focus for the Next Few Years
- Work with Islamic Center and Jewish Federation to conduct events such as roundtables, events, panel discussions on campus
- Continue to enhance and broaden partnership with Future University in Egypt
- Continue work to identify partner in the Gulf States
2014-15 Middle East & No. Africa Strategy Group Summary

After much discussion, and weighing the issue of safety in the Middle East & No. Africa region, the strategy group focused their energies on Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, while continuing to nurture the existing relationship in Egypt.

Egypt
We have just completed a very successful second year of our agreement with the Future University in Egypt which is providing an increasingly significant revenue stream to UC.

Seven UC faculty will travel to FUE in May for a week. During their stay they will do some teaching, talk with undergraduate students about their program and UC and talk with graduate students about research opportunities.

Future University in Egypt (FUE)
Under the terms of this agreement, FUE has sought UC’s assistance in benchmarking some of their programs to assure that they meet international standards for those programs. Initially, four engineering programs at FUE were reviewed and revised as necessary by UC engineering faculty to assure that the curriculum at FUE met the requirements for ABET accreditation. FUE has a limited licensing agreement to use our name in connection with these four degree programs and pays us a licensing fee for that based on the number of students enrolled.

This year, UC faculty have similarly reviewed curricula and programs in four additional areas: political science, public administration, political mass media, and mass media.

Saudi Arabia
Several of the communications and relationships we worked on last year did not produce any meaningful outcome. After two years of trying to negotiate the agreement with Saudi Aramco Fire Protection Department, it is stalled on their end.

We continue to have a relationship with King Faisal.

King Faisal University (KFU)
During Fall Semester 2014, fifteen (15) students from King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals in Saudi Arabia studied at the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences through UC’s Visiting Student Program. The students took classes in multiple disciplines including Aerospace, Chemical, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. Twenty students are expected for fall 2015.

United Arab Emirates
This year the Strategy Group began investigating institutions in the United Arab Emirates. We had email exchanges and a videoconference with the American University of Sharjah but it turned out that their interests at the time are totally focused on student exchange or a summer program. An interest that we knew we could not meet.

Next year we will continue to search for a partner in the UAE or another one of the Gulf States such as Kuwait and or Qatar.

Middle East & N. Africa Enrollment – Fall 2014

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