EUROPE REGIONAL STRATEGY
GROUP REPORT
YEAR 4

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Activities of Focus for the Next Few Years
- Continue to diversify and deepen our collaboration with the Université de Bordeaux
- Work with Spanish partner to engage more fully, both students and faculty
- Visit University of Graz to nurture a budding relationship and identify concrete next steps
- Identify potential partner institution(s) in Eastern Europe by visiting two that we Skyped with this year
2015-16 Europe Strategy Group Summary

The Europe Strategy Group’s Year 4 has been one of contrasts between an incredibly productive partner relationship with one university in particular and not so productive with others. The group has held multiple Skype conversations and delegates have visited multiple locations over the year. We will likely need to revisit some partnerships as we identify more enthusiasm from others.

University of Bordeaux (UBx)
In Fall 2015, a UC delegation headed by the provost was warmly received by UBx. This trip further reinforced the mutual interest and enthusiasm for engagement across disciplines and throughout the academy. UC was honored to receive UBx vice presidents and directors in January in order for them to learn more about co-op, our Research Institute, and our strong connection with the business community.

This year, seven UC faculty have travelled to UBx to collaborate on projects, and two more will go this summer. We have received three from UBx with applications from seven more in process. Beginning last May, four UC study tours have visited UBx. We have hosted four exchange students from UBx and two from their affiliate Institute of Technology. And, UC and UBx students in architecture, chemistry and biology are working on collaborative projects.

We are currently developing a one-year program in Aero-Systems Operations that will lead to a dual MEng degree.

Ludwig Maximilian University (LMU)
UC has had a collaborative relationship with LMU for close to 20 years. Thus far, it has been limited to student mobility in medicine and music. Considerable effort was made last year to broaden this relationship to embrace other disciplines and to engage more students and faculty. A UC delegation visited LMU. We then hosted an LMU intern over the summer and welcomed the head of LMU’s Institute for Communications & Research for a day. But we have been singularly unsuccessful in garnering any real interest and enthusiasm to engage at the level we have with Bordeaux.

As a consequence, we have begun looking elsewhere to find a European institution that will balance the relationship we have with the Technical University of Munich programmatically. We are currently exploring the University of Graz.

Technical University of Munich (TUM)
Our relationship with TUM is going well, but is currently limited to engineering for the most part. We hosted one visiting faculty member from TUM in February who is chair of their Automation & Information Systems program. One of our students is currently enrolled for spring semester at TUM.

University of the Basque Country (UPV)
Our partnership with UPV has been slower to develop than UBx, but we are currently hosting a week-long visit with the Vice-Dean for International Affairs. We are beginning this relationship with faculty exchange, the vice-dean being the first to visit since he is a professor of engineering. We hope that time spent with him will help raise awareness and understanding of how a strategic partnership can work and how productive and reinvigorating it can be.

University of Graz (UG)
We have held two Skype conversations with UG and there appears to be some real interest and enthusiasm on both sides. Purportedly, Graz is very similar to Cincinnati and we have several faculty that have relationships with, or experience of, Graz. Our Dean of Law has just completed a trip to the European Law Faculty Association meeting and had an opportunity to connect with the Vice Dean of Law and Dean of Research at Graz. We look forward to sending a small delegation to visit Graz in the coming months.