INDIA REGIONAL STRATEGY
GROUP REPORT
YEAR 4

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Related Local Organization
Cincinnati U.S.A. Sister City Organization

Activities of Focus for the Next Few Years
- Identify two concrete activities with Manipal University and Amity University for 2016-17
- Continue efforts to identify the best partner for UC in Northern or Western India
- Continue scholarships to assist UC students to participate in UC-led programs in India
- Continue to recruit more undergraduate students from India
- Establish short-term workshops that we can offer at identified institutions as a way to build relationships
2015-16 India Strategy Group
Summary

We continue to face challenges trying to identify an optimal strategic partner in India. These challenges include:

- The organization of higher education institutions in India that house as many different disciplines as UC are not common in India.
- The functioning across administrative units: we may be met with enthusiasm by departments or administrative units but they operate fairly independently, thus an institution-wide initiative with shared goals is unusual.

Once again this year we have tried to focus our sites on the northern region of India while continuing to work with Manipal in the south.

We also became a member of the American Institute for Indian Studies which allows us the opportunity to apply for a variety of fellowships that may serve to further our relationships with Indian institutions.

Northern India

Amity University

Location: Noida, Uttar Pradesh
Enrollment: 125,000
Faculty: 4,500
Degree Programs: 250

Last year we looked at two institutions in this region and ended up deciding to focus on Amity because:

- they have the breadth of disciplines we are looking for although not all in one location,
- they are private, and
- they have campuses in regions of the world where we want to establish a presence.

Following our initial videoconference with Dr. William Selvarmurthty, President of Amity Science, Technology & Innovation Foundation and Dr. Ajit Varma, Distinguished Scientist & Professor of Eminence, Dr. Varma visited us in early June. While here only for a day, we identified several areas of mutual interest including:

- water cluster/environmental research collaboration
- dual masters’ degrees in business, engineering and environmental health
- short-term study abroad
- distance learning MS in drug development
- joint research grants and publications in environmental health sciences

Southern India

Manipal University

Location: Manipal
Enrollment: 26,000
Faculty: 2,500
Degree Programs: 300+

We have had institutional collaboration with Manipal for a couple of years, and an articulation agreement with them and our Linder College of Business. We are currently in the process of signing a 1+1 master’s agreement resulting with an MA in political science from UC and in geopolitics from Manipal. Still, building out the breadth and depth of a relationship with Manipal has been slow and most of the work is done by UC.

The delegation that visited Amity and Manipal in India also stopped in Dubai to visit both Amity Dubai and Manipal Dubai. Subsequent to that, LCB has drafted an articulation agreement with Manipal Dubai which is currently in the signature process. It is our hope that we may have more success with the Dubai location given the number of expats.

Western India

National Institute of Design (NID)

Location: Ahmedabad
Faculty: 740
Degree Programs: 300+

Baccalaureate and post-graduate degrees are offered in design fields such as graphic, textiles, product, transportation & automobile, apparel, interior etc. NID has been recognized as an institution of national importance by the government of India. We signed a collaborative agreement with NID last June.