
Xiamen Resolution for Building Administrative Capacity of the Global U7 Consortium

The Building Administrative Capacity Committee (the Committee) of the Global U7 Consortium (GU7) was convened based on the agreement adopted by the 1st Council of Presidents. The Committee's task was to implement ways for enhancing administrative capacity through collaborative endeavors that will support joint education and research in Global Logistics, Business Administration, Marine Affairs and Advanced Technologies, notably Information Technology, Bio-technology and Nano-technology (IT, BT and NT) and other fields of studies as agreed upon by the Council of Presidents.

Dr. Seoung-Yong Hong, President of Inha University and Chair of the Council of Presidents, opened the meeting detailing four proposals for the Committee's consideration: (1) sharing library information; (2) training administrative staff; (3) upgrading administrative capabilities, particularly in developing long-term strategies; and (4) streamlining the processes underpinning professional support system.

The Committee's purpose is to build administrative capacity and under the auspice of the Council of Presidents to develop administrative staff with capabilities that would enable them to operate world-wide. The Committee adopted a number of training programs and workshops that would fulfill this objective.

First, within the fields of Global Logistics, Business Administration, Marine Affairs and Advanced Technologies, the Committee agreed, by the most expeditious means available, to designate a librarian from each university to coordinate information exchange. The Committee will conduct a Workshop that discusses: (1) the exchange of all books published during the last 7 years by each GU7 university press; (2) exchange lists of periodicals and databases; (3) exchange multimedia products and e-books; and (4) exchange presentations from academic and research seminars.

Second, the Committee acknowledged the need to develop, progressively, administrative capacity building programs comprising regular administrative staff workshops, administrative staff exchanges, and long-term training programs. Actions for administrative staff exchange and long-term training will be implemented following the initial workshop.

Third, workshops were identified in the following areas:

- the exchange of library information and librarians
- development of human resource capabilities
- systems and processes for evaluating the support infrastructure in delivering teaching and learning, including e-learning and e-administration
- innovative ways for fundraising for GU7 universities and consortium

Fourth, expenses incurred by running these programs and workshops should, in principle, be borne by participants, except local travel and meals. The host institution will endeavor to provide free or subsidized housing.

Fifth, proposals for hosting a workshop should be submitted through the Chair to the GU7 Secretariat by May 1, 2005 for further discussion and approval at the 2nd Council of Presidents Meeting. Proposals for staff exchanges and long-term training programs should be submitted before the 2nd Building Administrative Capacity Committee Meeting. At least one workshop should be held in 2005. Staff exchanges and long-term training programs should be initiated in 2006. Member universities having an academic department in library science should take the initiative in hosting a workshop for librarians.

Sixth, the Chair of the College Student Personnel (CSP) at the University of Rhode Island (URI) will be invited to the 2nd Building Administrative Capacity Committee Meeting. Besides providing information on the CSP program, the invitee will provide guidelines for developing a program to meet the needs of the GU7 Consortium.

Seventh, the fact sheet for each university developed by the Committee should be completed by member universities and sent to the Chair and the Secretariat of GU7 by April 20, 2005, for reference purposes at the 2nd Council of Presidents Meeting. In addition, the long-term strategy and development plans of each university should also be submitted to the Chair and the Secretariat of GU7 by 30 April 2005 to promote wider understanding of future developments at member universities.

The Committee elected Mr. Mao Tongwen, Director, International Cooperation and Exchange Office of Xiamen University, as the Chair of the Building Administrative Capacity Committee to serve for the next three years.

The Committee expressed its appreciation to the President and staff of Xiamen University for hosting the 1st Meeting of the Building Administrative Capacity Committee.

This resolution will be submitted to the Council of Presidents for approval and distribution to member institutions.

The Building Administrative Capacity Committee of GU7 has adopted the above resolution in Xiamen, China, on this Sixteenth day of March, Two Thousand and Five.

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