



GU8 Education Committee

Report Presented by

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CURRENT STATUS OF ACTIVITIES AIMED AT ACHIEVING PRIORITIES OF COP TO CONCENTRATE ON GLOBAL LOGISTICS AND MARINE AFFAIRS

Professor Kam will update the meeting on the plans at RMIT to establish a Centre for Global Logistics.

STUDENT EXCHANGE –CURRENT STATUS, CHALLENGES AND PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

RMIT is willing to commit to the signing of bi-lateral exchange agreements with GU8 partners where there is evidence of a strong likelihood of a two-way flow of students and a significant number of programs being offered in English. Experience over the past three years has indicated that an imbalance of numbers can occur and this is of some concern.

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE (No out-bound exchange from RMIT)

Le Havre Three students in 2006 and three in 2007 and two in 2008 – all in the field of logistics

Inha University Three students in 2007 and two in 2008 – architecture, engineering, English, Humanities

IN-BOUND STUDY ABROAD

Inha University Seven students in 2007 and three in 2008

Articulation: BA Logistics - Inha University Signed June 2006
One student to date

MOU December 2004: Inha University and GU7 & Biotechnology Symposium participants
Professor Peter Coloe signed on behalf of RMIT.

JOINT AND DUAL DEGREES – CURRENT STATUS AND PROPOSALS FOR NEW INITIATIVES

RMIT took an active part in the planning and programming of the Master of Global Logistics Management program. Professor Chris Whitaker and Associate Professor Booi Kam were among the group of international academics invited by Inha University, Korea, to deliver a course in its Master of Global Logistics Management (MGLM) program. Professor Whitaker's lectures focused on practical aspects of port management, which constituted one of several selected themes under the Special Topic in Contemporary Logistics Practices. Associate Professor Kam, who played a pivotal role in designing the MGLM curricula when it was first mooted, delivered one of the two foundation courses - Logistics Principles and Applications - for the program.

RMIT University has been involved in initiating a double degree program with Inha University. Inha University and RMIT have finalized an articulation agreement to enable Inha undergraduate students in business and engineering related fields to earn an RMIT's degree in logistics and supply chain management with a further one year of study.

Ms Ji Eun Wang was the first student to join the Inha-RMIT Double Degree Program, which was established under a bilateral agreement between the two universities signed on August 2006. Ms Wang is currently undertaking a crash course in English at RMIT in preparation for her studies in the Bachelor of Business (Logistics and Supply Chain Management) degree program.

FACULTY AND STAFF EXCHANGE - CURRENT STATUS AND PROPOSALS FOR NEW INITIATIVES

VISITS TO RMIT

Xiamen University

1. April 2005: Three senior representatives of Xiamen University visited to look at campus planning and RMIT facilities.
2. October 2005: Four senior staff from IT, electronic engineering and software engineering met with RMIT School of CS and IT and others. Xiamen was looking to run a software program with an Australian university.
3. One staff also visited Xiamen University in 2005 to deliver a full course on logistics risk management to the postgraduate logistics and project management students
4. August 2006: A delegation of six persons headed by Prof. Wang Haojie, Chancellor visited with the aim of developing further collaboration.
5. February 2007: A group of 30 staff from Xiamen University completed an intensive English language and study tour with RMIT English Worldwide over a four week period.
6. Proposed second English intensive for Xiamen staff for July/August 2007

Le Havre

1. Two academics visited Le Havre University in 2005, delivering lectures to both undergraduate and post graduate students on the Australian Legal System and Australian Commercial Law, and logistics risk management respectively.
2. RMIT accommodated the visit of a postgraduate law student from Le Havre University.

University of Rhode Island

January 2007: Professor Tom Grigalunas met with a number of staff from the Business Portfolio.

ADMINISTRATION ISSUES

RMIT has not identified any significant administrative issues that have arisen such as admission process, program review and accreditation, degree granting protocol, academic record keeping protocol/Enrollment Services, tuition and fees, scholarships, etc.

RMIT GU8 CONTACTS: EXCHANGE AND STUDY ABROAD

Information about appropriate contacts and application procedures relevant to RMIT is provided below.

RMIT Contacts: applications for exchange or study abroad to Education Abroad Unit

Exchanges: UK

Gary Lee: Education Abroad Advisor: gary.lee@rmit.edu.au

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Study Abroad Fees at RMIT

Fees for Study Abroad are AUS\$8300 per semester, minus AUS\$300 partner discount, plus mandatory Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) of AUD\$174 per semester. If a student is coming for 1 year the OSHC must be paid in full for the year, AUS\$348.

Further information regarding Study Abroad at RMIT

Study Abroad students are able to study for a period of 1 or 2 semesters and to be eligible for the RMIT University Study Abroad program students must be currently enrolled at an overseas university.

When applying to come on a study abroad program students will need to have successfully completed at least one year of study. They will need to include an up to date certified academic transcripts translated with their application.

Students must ensure a full time study load of 48 credit points (four subjects/courses) is met so it is also advisable for them to select more courses than needed just in case some are not available. If accepted for all courses classes can be dropped after arrival in Melbourne or possibly changed if approved by selection officers at RMIT and the home institution.

Please note: Design based courses (i.e. VART, GRAP, ARCH course coding) will require a folio to be submitted with the application.

All RMIT University's classes are conducted in English. English language competence is required as follows: IELTS score of 6.5+ (TWE > 4.5) or a TOEFL score of 580+ (computer based TOEFL 237).

RMIT does not have a cut off date for applications however if applying for February intake we strongly advise that applications are sent by the end of October and for the July intake applications should be submitted by end of April.

Please look at the link below for additional information including application forms.

<http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=nos34w6kqupu>