

Melbourne Declaration
(GLOBAL U8 CONSORTIUM DECLARATION OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2008)

Representatives of Member Institutions,

Representing universities in the global consortium (hereafter referred to as the Global U8 Consortium) held at the RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia, on September 22 and 23, 2008,

Recognizing the growing demand in the fields of Global Logistics, Marine Affairs, Business Administration, and Advanced Technologies (e.g. information technology, biotechnology, nano-technology), and seeking to direct the Global U8 Consortium's cooperative and collaborative efforts on cross-cultural Education and Research by working towards a long-term blueprint for a state-of-the-art globalized educational system incorporating innovative curricula in these activities,

Have today adopted the following:

1. The Council of Presidents of the Global U8 Consortium (hereafter, COP) endorsed the historic achievements embodied in the conclusions of the Committee Meetings on Joint-Research and Education, held since the Fourth Council of Presidents (COP) Meeting in June 2007, during that time, which have followed and elaborated the direction of cooperation among universities as agreed by the Consortium;
2. Representatives approved the structure of the Task Force Initiative as proposed by the JRC: one member of the JRC will serve as a Task Force Facilitator. Each facilitator will identify task force themes, the focus areas, and a team leader;
3. Representatives approved the JRC Future Supply Chain Management Task Force Proposal;
4. Representatives agreed that the JRC will solicit, review and make awards in response to request for proposals for funding of research projects in accordance with Task Force Initiatives. These awards will be based on supportive funds to hold each workshop and for additional seed money in support of research projects. The source will be a \$10,000 contribution from each institution;
5. Representatives decided to submit the International Intellectual Property Policy and GU8 Research Foundation Policy to each institution's own presidential staff members responsible for intellectual property and commercialization, to be returned to the Secretariat within the next 90 days of this COP;
6. Representatives charged the JRC with establishing an intellectual property subcommittee which will consist of technology transfer officials from each institution, who will meet annually;
7. Representatives accept the proposal of the JRC to elect Professor Barry Winn of the University of Hull to be the next JRC Vice-Chair, effective immediately and that at the next JRC meeting he will become the JRC Chair, at which time a new Vice-Chair will be elected;

8. Representatives agreed to accept the EC proposal of four task forces: E-Learning Collaboration within the Global MBA and Global Masters in Logistics, Marine Affairs, Learning Spaces and Inhibitors to Faculty and Student Mobility;
9. Representatives accepted the new EC charge, with an additional item related to the potential for commercial exploitation of modules, innovative pedagogies, and other materials developed through collaborative activity. The charge to the EC is attached hereunder;
10. Representatives approved the proposal for a Global Masters in Logistics program as submitted by the University of Le Havre, the University of Hull, Inha University and RMIT University;
11. Representatives support Inha University's proposal for a GU8 Math Contest, GU8 Summer Camps, GU8 faculty exchange. The representatives took under advisement Inha's proposal to establish a joint program in Global Banking and Finance, pending a review from the respective institutions;
12. Representatives asked the Secretary-General to canvas the EC for nominations for a new Chair of the committee, they also supported the creation of a Vice-Chair position for the EC, with the intention that the Vice-Chair would become the next Chair of the EC;
13. Representatives adopted the GU8 mission statement, attached hereunder;
14. Representatives agreed that the Chair will send notice of termination of membership to the University of Washington;
15. Representatives agreed the COP will submit names of potential new members to the Secretariat by January 1, 2009;
16. Representatives agreed that the Secretariat will prepare a financial plan with several options for the financing of the GU8 and will submit it to the COP in 60 days, the plan will consider the proposal from item #4 of this Declaration. Representatives agreed that a membership fee will depend on a choice based on the analysis of the financial plan;
17. Representatives agreed that if there is a particular Joint-EC project then those institutions in agreement would provide the funds for such particular project;
18. Representatives proposed that the Sixth COP be held at the University of Haifa in Israel in conjunction with their proposed Marine Affairs workshop during the first week of June 2009, with a second option to host the next COP at the University of Hull in the United Kingdom; the JRC will be held at Inha University in conjunction with their proposed ALRT international conference during the first week of April 2009; the EC will be held at Xiamen University, date to be determined;
19. Representatives commends RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia for hosting a highly successful Fifth COP Meeting.

Done at RMIT University of Melbourne, Australia this twenty-third day of September, two thousand and eight.

President Robert L. Carothers
For University of Rhode Island, United States of America
and Chair of GU8 Council of Presidents

President Seoung-Yong Hong
For Inha University, Republic of Korea
and Honorary Chair of GU8 Council of Presidents

Vice-Chancellor and President Margaret Gardner AO
For RMIT University, Commonwealth of Australia

President Chongshi Zhu
For Xiamen University, People's Republic of China

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