UM/South Africa Program Update December, 1997

A Report of the University of Missouri South Africa Education Program

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New Student Exchange Program

A Memorandum of Understanding for a student exchange program between UWC and UM was approved by both institutions in November/December 1997. The first exchanges under this agreement are expected to take place in 1998.

1998 Exchange Participants Selected

UWC Professor Jimmy Ellis, Chair, SIR committee, and Professor Aubrey Redlinghuis, Vice Rector for Student Affairs, met with the UMSAEP committee on October 10, 1997, at UM-St. Louis, to select 1998 faculty exchange participants. The UWC executive team and UMSAEP committee jointly decided to support the following exchanges in 1998:

UWC Faculty Scheduled to Visit Missouri

- Loes Nas - English (Host: M.A. Wynkoop, UMKC)
- Prevot van der Merwe - Didactics (Host: Roy Fox, UMC)
- Nelleke Bak - Education (Host: Susan Flader, UMC)
- Brian V. Gray - Didactics (Host: Bill Kyle, UMSL)

UM Faculty Scheduled to Visit UWC

- Martha A. Townsend - Campus Writing Program, UMC (Host: Colin Johnson)
- Wendell Smith - Continuing Education, UMSL (Host: Shirley Walters)
1997 Exchange Visits

UM visitors to UWC in 1997 included: Neil Anderson, UMR, Geophysics; Greg Arling, UMKC, Health Administration/Public Administration; Bob Herman, UMKC, Public Administration; Ken Hutchinson, UM, Human Resource Services; Edwin Kaiser, UMC, Chemistry; Geta LeSeur, UMC, English; Van Reidhead, Carole Murphy, Sheila Clarke-Ekong, and Lloyd Richardson, UMSL, Center for Human Origin and Cultural Diversity; Ron Turner, UM; Ralph Wilkerson, UMR, Computer Science.

UWC visitors to UM in 1997 included: Thelma Adams, Finance; Khalipha Bility, Public Health; Andre De Wet, Registrar of Finance; Hedley Hendricks, Libraries; Jeffrey Lever, Sociology; Christopher May and Etienne Mentoor, Materials Management; Danie Mouton, Human Resources; Siebert Neethling, Oral Tradition; Jimmy Ellis, Chair, SIR committee; Aubrey Redlinghuis, Vice Rector for Student Affairs.

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UM/UWC Exchange Summary

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UWC 1998 Academic Calendar

First Quarter February 16 - April 3, 1998
Second Quarter April 14 - June 26, 1998
Third Quarter July 20 - September 4, 1998
Fourth Quarter September 14 - December 4, 1998
UWC Grants Honorary Degree to Turner

UWC paid tribute to its longest standing international exchange program by awarding an honorary degree--Doctor of Education Honoris Causa--to UM Vice President Ron Turner at the UWC commencement on September 19. Turner was one of those instrumental in founding the UM/UWC educational exchange program in 1986. The degree was awarded by UWC Chancellor Bishop Desmond Tutu. Turner delivered the commencement address on this occasion.

UWC Students Visit UMSL in Summer 1997

UWC's Department of Economic and Management Science sent eight honors students to UM-St. Louis for the 1997 summer session to take courses in economics and business administration. The students are Ms. Nombulelo Babana, Mr. Brian Boer, Mr. Marway Davids, Ms. Mameetse Masemola, Mr. Fezekile Mashinini, Ms. Lilian Meyer, Mr. Brian Ontong, and Ms. Pauline Piedt.

New Initiative

In October UMSAEP approved New Initiative awards for the second year of this program to the following UM faculty members:

- **Jenice Prather**, Associate Professor of Accountancy, UMC, for a project focusing on the usefulness of value-added statements in accounting in increasing the productivity of the business firm. Professor Prather will work with Professor Chris van Staden of UWC. Van Staden was a UM/UWC exchange participant in 1996.
- **Adrienne Hoard**, Associate Professor of Art, UMC, for a two-month project centered on Pretoria, during which she will examine the lives and work of women abstract artists of the Ndebele people living in Gauteng and Mpumalanga provinces.
- **Richard Oliver**, Director, School of Health Related Professions, UMC, for a Health Related Professions (HRP) team and UWC staff cooperative project designed to develop interdisciplinary case studies for the School of Health Related Professions Virtual Health Care Team web site and a companion web site to be established at UWC. The HRP team also will develop a web-based continuing education course.
- **G.S.S. Chandra**, Professor of English, and James McKinley, Professor of New Letters, UMKC, for a project designed to collect the writings and recorded voices of prominent South African writers for publication in UMKC's New Letters international literary quarterly and in a comprehensive anthology of South African writing and for broadcast on New Letters on the Air. Chandra and McKinley will work with contacts at UWC, the University of Cape Town, Stellenbosch, and other South African institutions.
- **Gary Widmar**, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, UMKC, for a project at the University of Port Elizabeth focusing on development of a bridge program for black South African students seeking careers in mathematics or science, utilizing the VSI model developed at UMKC. Widmar will also help establish a Division of Student Affairs at UPE, based upon U.S. student development theories.
Web Resources on South Africa

Please note the following sources of information related to South Africa on the World Wide Web:

- Cape Argus (newspaper): http://www.inc.co.za/online/cape_argus/ (Includes an events guide, restaurant reviews, gallery guide, and the Sunday Life magazine.)
- Weekly Mail and Guardian: http://www.mg.co.za/mg/ (Described as the first and best South African publication on the Internet.)
- The South Africa Initiative Office (U. of Michigan): http://www.umich.edu/~saioum
- U.S.-South Africa Binational Commission: http://www.southafrica.net/economy/other/bination.html

Other Links to South African Newspapers:

- Online Newspapers for South Africa: http://www.zen.co.uk/home/page/nchadd/safrica.htm
- Kiosk: http://www.esperanto.se/kiosk/afrika/sydafrika.html

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