



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS &
COLLEGES, ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR
SENIOR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

And the

KOREAN COUNCIL FOR
UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

March 19, 2009

1. Parties to Memorandum

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (hereafter "WASC") is one of the six regional accrediting associations in the United States. WASC was formed in July 1, 1962, to evaluate and accredit schools, colleges, and universities in California, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and Northern Mariana Islands. The WASC accreditation process aids institutions in developing and sustaining effective educational programs and assures the educational community, the general public, and other organizations that an accredited institution has met high standards of quality and effectiveness.

The Korean Council for University Education (hereafter "KCUE") is an association of four-year universities in the Republic of Korea (hereafter "ROK"). It was established in 1982 to promote inter-university cooperation and represent the collective voice of universities. Among its key functions, the KCUE assures quality in higher education by assessing and accrediting four-year universities.

2. Purposes of Memorandum

This memorandum establishes a non-legal, nonbinding foundation of interaction and cooperation between the above parties to work toward promoting their shared interests regarding quality assurance in higher education based on mutual understanding, respect, and support.

The parties agree on the present importance and potential benefits of inter-organizational cooperation to learn and, when appropriate, integrate models, methods, and good practices of quality assurance as higher education is affected by globalization and the need for common international standards increases. In particular, WASC recognizes efforts by the KCUE to learn WASC practices and processes in higher education accreditation and welcomes the KCUE to accomplish such through the following:

- ♦ *Exchange of Information*

In order to effectively exchange the most relevant information and advice, the KCUE will seek to understand the issues WASC considers most important to its area of authority in the US, and WASC will seek to understand the issues the KCUE considers most important to the ROK.

The two parties will share non-confidential policy documents, operational information, manuals, and other documentation that will enable staff from the two organizations to learn about respective practices and procedures related to auditing and accreditation of higher education institutions.

In consideration of the significant number of ROK citizens enrolled in higher

education institutions within WASC's area of authority and the likelihood of future increases, the KCUE will promote an understanding in the ROK of the US quality assurance system and WASC's related functions.

♦ *Exchange of Expertise*

In order to learn about and provide mutual advice regarding the parties' respective systems of quality assurance, the KCUE and WASC will, when appropriate and possible according to each parties' available funding, exchange staff, accreditors/auditors, or other specialists to:

- a. Participate as observers in institutional or program audits/assessments to promote internationalization of and improve audits/assessments in the respective country.
- b. Participate in each other's relevant conferences, seminars, and training sessions and organize events of mutual interest.

3. Related Expenses

Neither party shall have any financial obligation under this memorandum, and each organization is responsible for its respective costs in all activities specified above unless otherwise agreed on a case by case basis. Each side will, however, seek to arrange or assist with local accommodations for mutual visits related to cooperation activities specified in this memorandum.

4. Duration & Termination

This memorandum shall be effective for three years from the date of signature by both parties and may be renewed in writing by mutual consent. It may be terminated by either party through written notice at least ninety days in advance of the intended termination date.

5. Memorandum Coordinators

The following staff shall be the primary contact point for implementation and coordination of this memorandum:

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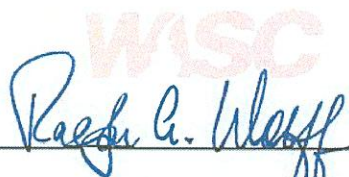
In order to maintain consistent coordination, each organization shall promptly notify the other party of changes in the above personnel.

6. Signatures

Signed in Alameda, California, U.S.A.

on 3/18/09

**WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES,
ACCREDITING COMMISSION
FOR SENIOR COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES**

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Ralph A. Wolff

President & Executive Director,
WASC

Signed in Seoul, South Korea

on 24 March 2009

**KOREAN COUNCIL FOR
UNIVERSITY EDUCATION**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Byungdoo Sohn", is written over a horizontal line. A circular blue stamp of the Korean Council for University Education is visible in the background.

Byungdoo Sohn

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