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GUIDELINE FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION COOPERATION BETWEEN SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY AND CHINA MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

1. General Terms

- 1.1. This guideline is established under the academic cooperation agreement between South Dakota State University (SDSU) and China Medical University (CMU).
- 1.2. This guideline aims to establish a standard process for a co-education program in Nutrition and Dietetics between the Department of Health and Nutritional Sciences at SDSU and the Department of Nutrition at CMU.
- 1.3. This guideline will be reviewed annually by both SDSU and CMU. Modifications will be made through discussion and agreed by both parties.

2. Undergraduate 2+2 Process

- 2.1. The Department of Nutrition/CMU every year will select junior undergraduate students (referred as 2+2 students) to continue their study at SDSU majoring in Nutrition and Dietetics. The number of students selected to participate in the 2+2 program will be mutually decided each year by SDSU and the Department of Nutrition at CMU.
- 2.2. HNS department will accept the Department of Nutrition at CMU students if they meet SDSU academic and international transfer student requirements. The students who are not native speakers of English must demonstrate proficiency in English with one of the following:
 - A. Internet-based TOEFL Test (iBT) score, minimum-61
 - B. Paper-based TOEFL Test (PBT) score, minimum-500
 - C. IELTS score, minimum-5.5

TOEFL or IELTS scores must be submitted within two years of examination date. If students do not meet SDSU's English proficiency requirements listed above, qualified undergraduate applicants may be given admission to the English Language & Cultural Institute (ELCI - http://www.sdstate.edu/international-affairs/esl/). Upon successful completion of the ELCI program, students will be eligible for admission as an international student at SDSU.

- 2.3. Before coming to SDSU, the 2+2 students must have studied at the Department of Nutrition at CMU for two academic years and successfully completed the required courses as specified in written agreement between the two academic units. The Department of Nutrition at CMU will ensure course content matches the SDSU Health and Nutritional Sciences (HNS) major curriculum.
- 2.4. SDSU may waive the transcript certification (e.g. by WES) of the 2+2 students.

- 2.5. The 2+2 students will follow the SDSU HNS major curriculum and complete the junior and senior HNS courses together with other required courses at SDSU. The recommended time to complete these courses is two years, but can be extended to three years.
- 2.6. The 2+2 students who successfully complete all the required courses at the Department of Nutrition at CMU and HNS/SDSU will receive an SDSU Education and Human Sciences Bachelor of Science degree.
- 2.7. The 2+2 students are required and will be arranged to stay in the on-campus student dormitory during their first year study at SDSU. After one year, they are recommended, but not required to continue staying in one of the on-campus dormitories.

3. Responsibilities of SDSU and CMU

- 3.1. SDSU responsibilities include the following:
 - A. SDSU-Office of International Affairs (SDSU-OIA) will provide CMU with a list of anticipated costs each year.
 - B. SDSU-OIA will provide CMU with application materials, updated cost information and pre-departure information by email.
 - C. SDSU-OIA will provide each admitted student with the documents necessary to apply for a U.S. student visa at the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate overseas. The visa type will be an F-1.
 - D. The SDSU-OIA will arrange for airport pickup on arrival days each semester.
 - E. SDSU-OIA will provide orientation activities during the first days of the 2+2 students' arrival to include introductions to staff/teachers, academic orientation, orientation to housing and meals, review of the schedule, orientation to campus facilities, explanation of rules and regulations, and a campus tour.
 - F. SDSU's *Academic Coordinator* will work directly with CMU to oversee the overall academic program and supervise the 2+2 students.
 - G. SDSU will provide CMU with a student grade report/SDSU transcript upon completion of the program, provided the 2+2 students have completed the necessary release and request forms.
- 3.2. CMU responsibilities include the following:
 - A. CMU will have each participant fill out an SDSU application form and residential room application form and will submit all necessary application documents.
 - B. CMU will have each participant pay the applicable tuition, fees, and related costs for the credits in which they enroll at SDSU, directly to SDSU. The rate of tuition

charged will be non-resident, and all mandatory and course/discipline fees will be assessed.

- C. CMU will have each participant provide for the international travel costs to and from Brookings, SD, including all airport transfers and taxes.
- D. CMU will have each participant arrange for visas and related travel documents.
- E. Each student will pay their own charges directly, as billed to their SDSU student account.
- F. CMU students will obtain major medical insurance coverage through SDSU's International Student Accident & Medical Insurance Plan.
- G. CMU will have participants comply with all university rules and regulations.

4. Contact Persons

SDSU and CMU will each assign a Department Head/Chair and an Academic Coordinator to be responsible for executing the guideline and serving as the process contact persons.

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