SPECIFIC AGREEMENT ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION

between

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, USA

and

Engineering School of Vilanova i la Geltrú of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain

The Engineering School of Vilanova i la Geltrú of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya of Spain (hereafter referred to as "EPSEVG") and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology of the USA (hereafter referred to as "SDSM&T"), hereby confirm their intention to collaborate to promote student exchanges between the two institutions.

A. PURPOSE

The aim of this agreement is promote student-for-student undergraduate exchange in the framework of the European Project Semester. "Home institution" means the university in which the student wishes to graduate, and "host institution" means the university that has agreed to host the exchange students from the home institution. "Visiting student" refers to a student accepted by the host university who benefits from academic agreements between the two institutions, but not economic agreements, since the student must pay tuition fees to the host university.

B. FLOW OF UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Every year, throughout the duration of this agreement, SDSM&T may send up to four students to EPSEVG, and EPSEVG may send up to four students to SDSM&T.

The student exchange between EPSEVG and SDSM&T will be carried out under the principle of parity, which will strive to have an equal number of exchange students between the two universities throughout the duration of this agreement.

The maximum stay for exchange students at the host university shall be two consecutive semesters. If, at the end of this period, a student wishes to extend his or her stay, he or she shall be considered a visiting student.

The EPSEVG academic year officially opens in September and ends in August. The academic year of SDSM&T officially opens in September (or late August) and ends in May.

C. SELECTING PARTICIPANTS

The host institution shall assess its own undergraduate students who are applying for the exchange. SDSM&T shall send to EPSEVG the applications from the exchange students, and EPSEVG shall send to SDSM&T the applications from exchange students. The host institution reserves the right to make the final decision on the admission of each student designated for the exchange or stay.

SDSM&T shall send all applications to:
External Relations Office
EPSEVG - UPC
Avda. Víctor Balaguer s/n
08800 Vilanova i la Geltrú (Spain)
Tel: +34 93 896 77 11
Fax: +34 93 896 77 00
E-mail: internacional.epsevg@upc.edu

EPSEVG shall send all applications to:
Ivanhoe International Center
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
501 East Saint Joseph Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
USA
Tel: +001-605-394-6884
Fax: +001-605-394-6883
E-mail: ivanhoe@sdsmt.edu

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Guidelines applicable to undergraduate exchange students:
a) Exchange students may choose any academic programme offered by the host institution. They shall have the status of full-time students, and shall have no academic effect on the host institution. Any academic credits earned at the host institution may be transferred to the home institution, in accordance with the procedures set out by the home institution.
b) Exchange students must complete at least one year of continued study at their home institution before the exchange year.
c) All exchange students must comply with all the regulations of the host institution.
d) All exchange students must prove that they have sufficient personal funds to cover the costs of their stay at the host university (mainly accommodation and food).
e) All exchange students must return to their home institution once they have completed the period of academic study at the host institution. Any extension to a student's stay must be approved by both universities.

D. COORDINATORS

Each party will appoint a coordinator to promote the collaboration between the institutions. Professor Jordi Segalas is appointed on behalf of EPSEVG and Professor Duane L. Abata is appointed on behalf of SDSM&T.

E. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

Each party agrees to accept exchange students from other party and shall enrol them as full-time students, even though exchange students will never receive an official academic qualification (degree) from the host institution. The host institution shall also provide exchange students with tuition and fee waivers (except as indicated below), so long as the principle of parity and equal number of exchange students between the two universities is maintained. If there is not the same number of students at each university, any students at one university over and above the number of students at the other university shall be considered visiting students. At the end of each academic period, each host institution shall send to the home institution an academic certificate (transcript) for the exchange or stay completed by exchange students.

F. FUNDING AND SERVICES

Students participating in the exchange must register and pay fees and any other costs to their home institution before undertaking the exchange. All exchange students must take out health and accident insurance. SDSM&T has student insurance that is mandated through our governing Board of Regents, so students coming to SDSM&T should plan to purchase this insurance. Each host institution shall provide the necessary documents for obtaining a visa.

Students attending SDSM&T on exchange agreements will pay all applicable special discipline fees, salary enhancement fees, incidental fees, the International Student Fee, and appropriate room and board fees. Students who enroll in a self-support course will pay all self-support tuition and delivery fees associated with the course.

Participants attending EPSEVG will pay the general activities/social fees required by the institution. All living expenses shall be borne by the students of both institutions.

The following shall be the responsibility of all exchange and visiting students:
a) Transport to and from the host institution.
b) Health insurance, health costs and any other costs not specifically mentioned in this agreement.
c) Textbooks and personal costs.
d) Any debts accumulated during the academic year.
e) Accommodation and food.

Both institutions shall assist and support students with applications for grants from national and international organisations that may collaborate with the funding of this exchange.

G. USE OF THE CORPORATE IMAGE OF UPC

In all cases in which, as a result of the agreements established herein and their application, either party believes it is necessary to use the other party's logos, it must ask for the prior authorisation of the other university, through the Communication and Promotion Service, specifying the application in which they wish to use the logo (whether graphic or electronic or any other format) and for what they wish to use it.

The authorisation, which must always be in writing, shall specify the use(s) being authorised, as well as the period during which the authorisation shall remain valid, which must never be later than the period of validity of this agreement.

However, when logos or other identifying marks of either party are to be used for activities that will generate profits for either party, the corresponding trademark licence contract must be signed.

H. RENEWAL, COMPLETION AND AMENDMENTS

This agreement shall remain valid for a period of three (3) years, commencing on the date of the final signature, under the understanding that it may be terminated by any of the parties in writing with at least six months notice. The agreement may be extended by mutual agreement, in writing, between the two parties. This agreement may be amended through the exchange of letters between the two institutions. Once such amendments have been approved by both parties, they shall be annexed to this Specific Agreement and shall become a part thereof.

If this agreement is terminated, both parties shall take the necessary measures to guarantee that any activities and projects already initiated continue until they are completed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this agreement sign two copies, both in English, at the place and on the date indicated below.

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY	UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE CATALUNYA
Robert A. Wharton, Ph.D.	Antoni Giró
President	President
Date: 7-6-11	**Date:** 15 OCT. 2011
Rapid City, South Dakota, USA	Barcelona, Spain

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