GENERAL AGREEMENT OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA (SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA)
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA (PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, U.S.A.)

In accordance with a desire to promote cooperation in areas of mutual interest for the benefit of both institutions, the University of Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica, represented by its Rector, Dra. Yamileth González García, identity card number 2-246-555, elected by the Plebiscitary Assembly of April 23, 2004, register number 4-0000-42149-36, with the authority stipulated in Article Forty clause one of the Organic Statute of the University of Costa Rica, henceforth designated "UCR" and the University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida, the United States of America, represented by its President, Dr. John C. Cavanaugh, henceforth designated "UWF", hereby enter into the following General Agreement of Academic Cooperation:

Article 1. The University of Costa Rica and the University of West Florida shall engage in cooperation in fields of common interest and shall develop joint projects in these fields.

Article 2. Joint activities will be established by mutual agreement of both parties. These activities are undertaken to enhance the exchange of scientific knowledge and cultural traditions at the global level, in keeping with the commitment of both parties to international scientific and cultural exchanges.

Article 3. Within agreed fields, both parties shall seek to engage in the future in the following types of cooperation:

a) Exchange of faculty and students for research, teaching and study; students are expected to pay their tuition fee at their home institution;

b) Exchange of scholarly publications and other information in areas of interest to both parties, including library collections and services;

c) Joint research activities; and

d) Exchange of scholars for seminars, conferences and other academic meetings.

Article 4. The duration of exchange visits will be determined by mutual consent. Such visits may be for one year, one semester or shorter. All the beneficiaries of this agreement shall be responsible for obtaining adequate medical/health insurance.
coverage to the satisfaction of the host institution. This coverage shall also include repatriation, theft, and travel insurance to and from the host institution.

**Article 5.** Both parties understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated separately and will depend on the availability of funds.

**Article 6.** Both parties agree to exercise their best efforts in securing outside funding for joint projects.

**Article 7.** It is understood that both institutions, the UCR and the UWF, subscribe to the principle of equal opportunity and do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, ethnicity, religion, or national origin. Both, the University of Costa Rica and the University of West Florida shall abide by these principles in the administration of this agreement and neither party shall impose criteria for exchange of scholars or students, which violate principles of nondiscrimination.

**Article 8** Administration of this agreement shall be the responsibility of the International Office at UWF and the Office of International Affairs and External Cooperation at UCR. Any additions, changes or deletions must be approved by these representatives at both universities. All notices shall be in writing and shall be directed to these individuals as follows:

**To UWF:**  
Head of International Education & Programs  
University of West Florida  
Pensacola, FL 32514  
Phone: +(1-850) 474 24 79  
Fax: +(1-50) 474 29 15  
E-mail: <ayots@uwf.edu>

**To UCR:**  
Dirección, Oficina de Asuntos Internacionales y Cooperación Externa  
Universidad de Costa Rica  
Ciudad Universitaria Rodrigo Facio  
San Pedro de Montes de Oca  
San José, Costa Rica  
Tel: +(506) 207-5080

**Article 09.** This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date signed unless one or both parties to it indicate in writing their intention to withdraw from the agreement. Notification of intention to withdraw will normally be given to the other institution by April 30th of the year in which the institution wishes to withdraw. Early termination of an agreement will not alter the responsibilities of the parties to carry out the terms of the agreement with respect to students who have already been admitted to the host university.

This agreement may be renewed subject to consent of both parties. The decision to
renew the agreement must be made and communicated in writing by both parties six (6) months prior to the normal termination date.

In accordance we sign eight copies of this General Understanding Agreement of Academic and Cultural Cooperation, four in Spanish and four in English, all contents being identical and valid.

For the University of Costa Rica

Dr. Yamileth González García
Rector

Date: 24 OCT. 2006

For the University of West Florida

Board of Trustees

Dr. John C. Cavanaugh
President

Date: 3/8/07

Approved As To Form And Legality:

[Signature]

UWF Attorney