



# THE STATE UNIVERSITY *of* NEW YORK

## MEMORANDUM

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**To: Members of the Board of Trustees**  
**From: John J. O'Connor, Officer-in-Charge**  
**Subject: International Academic Initiative:  
Incheon Free Enterprise Zone**

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Whereas pursuant to Education Law §§ 355(1)(f) and (2)(p), the SUNY Board of Trustees is authorized to participate in inter-institutional arrangements and perform such acts as are necessary and appropriate to enhance, enrich and effectively carry out SUNY's educational mission;

Whereas the State University of New York is committed to the continued promotion and advancement of all aspects of international education through the outreach efforts of its Office of International Programs, the Levin Institute of International Relations and various campus-administered programs of international academic achievement;

Whereas existing academic programs in Europe, the Ukraine, Turkey and Central America recently have been augmented by SUNY initiatives in the Sichuan and Jiangsu Provinces of the Republic of China and the establishment of the SUNY China Initiative office in Beijing;

Whereas SUNY's mission of promoting international education furthers the intellectual diversity of its students and faculty by facilitating access to international curricula, conferences, academic collaborations and degree programs with partner universities and institutions overseas; and

Whereas for the past year, SUNY Stony Brook has been actively engaged in negotiations with representatives of Incheon City in the Republic of Korea to establish a SUNY campus presence at the coastal Incheon Free Enterprise Zone ("IFEZ"); now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Chancellor and the President of SUNY Stony Brook, or designees, be, and hereby are, authorized to take all steps necessary to develop and implement, in the name of and on behalf of the Board, overseas educational programs, curricula, conferences, and related academic degree and research collaborations with partner universities and institutions located at IFEZ in the Republic of Korea.

### **Background**

Since its inception, SUNY has engaged in campus-administered international faculty and scholar exchanges, academic conferences, dual degree programs and research collaborations. Those collaborations now include more than 50 countries abroad. Such activities both foster the coordination of international exchange opportunities for SUNY students and support mutually beneficial academic, economic and commercial relations between SUNY and various international institutions and universities.

In late 2007, SUNY Stony Brook and several other academic institutions, including North Carolina State, Delaware, Southern California and Missouri were invited by representatives of the IFEZ Authority and the Korean Republic to participate in the creation of a dedicated academic campus to be located on the coastal region of Southeast Korea. Exploratory discussions have been ongoing, funded in significant part by the IFEZ Authority and supported by the Ministry of Knowledge Economy of the Republic of Korea.

SUNY Stony Brook is interested in offering degree programs in business administration, technology systems management, information systems, computer science, electrical engineering, and computer engineering in the facility now being built and dedicated by IFEZ to this express purpose. Faculty will be hired from the United States, the Republic of Korea, and internationally to staff the SUNY IFEZ campus; students will be drawn from a local and international applicant pool; international tuition revenues and fees will be dedicated to supporting the entire IFEZ campus initiative. As required by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, instruction will be in English and the academic standards will be those maintained by SUNY Stony Brook in the United States. It is anticipated that after initiation of Stony Brook campus operations, other interested SUNY campuses may wish to participate in the enterprise.