Memorandum to Presidents

Date: January 21, 1974

From: Office of the Chancellor

Subject: China Coordinating Committee

In my October 25, 1973 Memorandum to Presidents (#73-57) I sketched the changing relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China which gives the University opportunities to explore with Chinese representatives the establishment of academic programs, faculty and student exchanges, and other mutually beneficial contacts. Toward that end, as I indicated, I'm appointing a Committee to review, facilitate, and coordinate any such initiatives among the State University campuses.

I'm pleased to announce the initial membership of this new Committee:

Charles Hoffman, Stony Brook, Chairman
Ling Chung O'Dell, Albany
Jung-Chao Liu, Binghamton
Roger deo Forges, Buffalo Center
Richard Soter, Oswego
George Pasti, Jr., Plattsburgh
Irving Barnett, Empire State

The China Coordinating Committee will work closely with Ivan Putman and Robert Benedict of the Office of International Programs to facilitate and coordinate proposals developed by individual campuses to advance exchanges of students, faculty, and staff with institutions of higher education in China. The Committee will serve as a clearinghouse for all State University campuses, keeping them abreast of available information on exchanges with China by circulating periodic reports, offering guidance, and arranging contact with specific officials of the People's Republic. The Committee may also take the initiative in stimulating the design of proposals by campuses having resources uniquely attractive to Chinese institutions seeking particular kinds of American expertise and experience.
The Committee will draw upon the vast experience and expertise of the many resource persons in the University who are interested in developing academic exchanges with China. A list of such specialists will be developed and sent to appropriate faculty and staff of each campus. Additionally, ad hoc advisory panels will be established as needed in various fields, such as the health sciences, engineering, natural sciences, behavioral sciences, and the humanities.

Through the work of the China Coordinating Committee, I hope State University campuses will be encouraged to play a leading role in the exciting expansion of cultural and educational contacts with the People's Republic of China.

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