ACADEMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This agreement is made this 28th day of May, 1998, between Pyatigorsk State Linguistic University (PSLU) and Southwest Texas State University (SWT).

1. DEFINITIONS AND BACKGROUND

1.01 Pyatigorsk State Linguistic University is an institution of higher learning in Russia, organized according to Russian law.
1.02 Southwest Texas State University is an agency of the State of Texas in the United States of America, and organized pursuant to Section 96.41 of the Texas Education Code.
1.03 Both institutions are comprehensive universities that share common academic, scientific, and cultural goals.
1.04 Both institutions believe that mutual cooperation helps and enhances their ability to achieve their common goals and to respond to the educational needs of their respective societies.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.01 The first objective of the agreement is to increase academic and cultural cooperation between Pyatigorsk State Linguistic University and Southwest Texas State University.
2.02 The second objective of the agreement is to establish procedures and methods to effect academic and cultural cooperation.

3. AGREEMENT

3.01 Pyatigorsk State Linguistic University (PSLU) and Southwest Texas State University (SWT) agree to identify opportunities for the exchange of faculty and research staff. The focus of the initial effort will be the fields of philosophy, teaching methods, psychology, history, and language.
3.02 The Director of SWT's Center for International Education, or his/her designee, and the Head of PSLU's Department for International Relations, or his/her designee, will be primarily responsible for negotiating the details of any exchanges, joint activities, or programs of study.
3.03 This agreement is effective from the date of the signatures below and will remain in effect unless canceled in writing by either party. Cancellation will be without penalty.
SIGNATURES

4.01 Agreed to this 28th day of May, 1998:

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