

FSCUE Resolution on 2+2 Programs with International Institutions
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Background: On January 28, 2011, the *Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Education Subcommittee on Admission and Aid* provided the FSCUE with a thoughtful analysis of the current state and recent experience with 2+2 undergraduate degree agreements between Case Western Reserve University and universities in China and Taiwan. The committee identified several problems that require attention. Many relate primarily to the logistics of admission and administration. The subcommittee included a recommendation that the 2+2 programs be terminated.

FSCUE engaged in substantial discussion over the ensuing three meetings and specifically sought input from Patrick Crago, Assoc. Dean CSE, Rick Bischoff, VP for Enrollment Management, and David Fleshler, Assoc. Provost for International Affairs. Furthermore, the committee took into account recent changes to the admissions process for international students.

As a result of the discussion and subsequent deliberation, the FSCUE recommends the following:

- 1) The current 2+2 contracts with Asian universities should be modified rather than terminated. All subsequent international 2+2 programs should be constructed to follow the Asian university model.
- 2) The Office of the Provost should modify the current contracts to clarify, where needed, that 2+2 students must adhere to CWRU policies on admission and graduation requirements for transfer students.
- 3) The admission process for international 2+2 students follow a three step process:
 - i) Students apply to for admission to the Office of Undergraduate Admission.
 - ii) The Office of Undergraduate Admission determines whether or not the criteria for admission as an international transfer student have been met. If so, the student's package is forwarded to the CWRU department that offers the sought-after degree and the Office of Undergraduate Studies.
 - iii) The Office of Undergraduate Studies will create a learning plan for each admitted student from international 2+2 universities, in consultation with the designated representative of the department where the student wants to pursue a major. The learning plan will list the required classes for each semester the student will study at CWRU in order to complete his or her degree requirements. In the event that a department determines that an unreasonable length of time, i.e., much

greater than two years or four semesters, would be required for degree completion the student should not be admitted under the 2+2 agreement, but might be invited to apply as a standard transfer student.

- 4) Each admitted student from an international university with a CWRU approved 2+2 agreement will concurrently receive a letter of admission from the Office of Undergraduate Admission and a learning plan from the Office of Undergraduate Studies. The learning plan must be co-signed by the academic representative of the student's proposed major.
- 5) The modified contracts should be presented to partnering international 2+2 universities by the Office of International Affairs for renewed signatures. The amended contracts should have sunset clauses that allow for each contract to be reviewed by the Office of the Provost and renewed every 2 years. Partner schools should be informed that student enrollment rate will be a key criterion for renewal.
- 6) A representative of the CWRU Office of the Provost should meet with any CWRU faculty who facilitated the creation of partnerships with Asian 2+2 universities to clarify the CWRU policies on admission and degree requirements to which the 2+2 students should adhere.