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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents
FROM: Peter S. Hoff, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs 
RE: Regents' Global Center Approved Programs

In the past, the University System of Georgia operated foreign study programs under the rubric of the International Intercultural Studies Program (IISP). These programs took advantage of the University System's critical mass of students and resources and extended opportunities to students and professors at all campuses. With the establishment of the Regents' Global Center, the IISP technically ceased to exist, and some of the functions of the IISP devolved to institutions. The concept of foreign study programs open to all USG students, without institutional barriers, however remains. It has taken the form of the "Regents' Global Center Approved Program."

These programs, offered by various System institutions, are open to all students in the System, and they are reviewed and approved in advance by the Regents' Global Center and by the System Office of Academic Affairs. RGC Approved Programs are the equivalent to IISP programs when it comes to issues such as financial aid, non-resident tuition, and transfer of credit.

- Students enrolled in another institution's RGC Approved Program should be eligible for financial aid from their home institution, just as they were when they enrolled in IISP programs.
- Students subject to non-resident tuition are eligible to pay the reduced rate of \$250, just as they were when they enrolled in IISP programs.
- Students who enroll in another institution's RGC Approved Program should not encounter difficulty when they seek to have credit transcribed on their home academic record.

I realize that we have not fully resolved all administrative issues encountered by the transition from IISF to RGC. I hope, however, that we can address these three issues expeditiously and avoid creating impediments for our students. Please contact appropriate personnel at your institution (e.g., registrar and financial aid officer) to see that these policies are clear and that students have every opportunity to pursue foreign study.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call. I appreciate your assistance.

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