

# SWOSU and Korean University Sign Agreement

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Dong-A University in Korea signed an agreement of academic exchange during a February 12 ceremony on the Weatherford campus. Among those who witnessed the signing are (front from left): Dr. Dong-Gun Park, dean of the College of Natural Sciences at Dong-A University, and SWOSU President Dr. John Hays. Back from left-Dong-A University Design Professor Dr. Ja-Hong Koo; Dr. Radwan Al-Jarrah, dean of the SWOSU College of Arts and Sciences; SWOSU Provost Dr. Blake Sonobe; SWOSU Associate Provost Dr. Cynthia Foust; SWOSU Vice President for Administration and Finance Tom Fagan; and Randy Beutler, assistant to the president at SWOSU.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University President Dr. John Hays (right) signs an agreement of academic exchange with Dong-A University in Korea as Dr. Dong-Gun Park, dean of the Dong-A University College of Natural Sciences, looks on. In the background is SWOSU Associate Provost Dr. Cynthia Foust.

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Three students will be exchanged per academic year from each institution. SWOSU and Dong-A University will also encourage visits by faculty to engage in research or other educational activities.

SWOSU President Dr. John Hays and Dong-A University President Bong-Keun Sim signed the agreement. Representing Sim at the ceremony in western Oklahoma was Dr. Dong-Gun Park, dean of the College of Natural Sciences at Dong-A University.

“This will allow several of our students to benefit from this extraordinary experience,” Hays said. “We are excited and pleased to get this program started.”

The first exchange of students or faculty is expected to be this fall.

The program was developed after Dr. Radwan Al-Jarrah, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, visited Korea in late November of this past year. Al-Jarrah arranged the agreement, which will be reviewed after a five-year period.

The first exchange program is already underway. Dr. Ja-Hong Koo is on the SWOSU campus and is a visiting artist with the SWOSU Department of Art. His exhibition is on display in the SWOSU Art Building through February 29.

Dong-A University is located in Busan, Korea, located in the southeast part of South Korea near the South Sea. Busan is a city of 3 million people, and Dong-A University has over 20,000 students.

SWOSU has locations in Weatherford and Sayre. The university has just over 5,000 students.