COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BEIJING FORESTRY UNIVERSITY, THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AND
DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MISSION
Offer students, faculty and staff at both Delaware Valley College (DVC), Doylestown, Pennsylvania, the United States of America and Beijing Forestry University (BFU), Beijing, the People’s Republic of China opportunities to have an international experience that will encompass both academic and cultural activities as an integral component of their professional growth.

CONSENT TO SIGN
BFU and DVC consent to sign a formal Cooperation Agreement, based on a foundation of mutual trust, to promote the exchange of students, faculty and staff for mutual benefit and development of two institutions in scholarship, education and culture.

ACTIVITIES
The two institutions shall promote the following proposed exchange activities based on their respective academic and educational needs:

1. Exchange visits with policy makers and academic evaluation delegations.
2. Exchange of visits of faculty and staff members for short-term training programs, fieldwork, study tours, presentations and joint research.
3. Exchange of the students: establish joint educational programs for junior and senior undergraduates and graduates with GPA 3.0 above. An equal number of students from both institutions will be exchanged with approval of the department chairs and academic deans.
   a. Students from BFU should register at BFU when they apply to study at DVC. They should pay tuitions, room and board expenses to BFU. They will study at DVC under the same conditions as DVC students.
   b. Students from DVC should register at DVC when they apply to study at BFU. They should pay tuitions, room and board expenses to DVC. They will study at BFU under the same conditions as BFU students except courses are taught in English.
   c. Students from DVC are welcome to study Chinese language courses at BFU.
   d. Students from BFU are welcome to study English language courses at DVC.
4. Exchange of the faculty and staff: an equal number of faculty and staff members will be exchanged with approval of the department chairs and academic deans.
   a. The faculty and staff from BFU will receive salaries from BFU if they work at DVC. DVC will provide room on an availability basis and board for BFU faculty and staff.
   b. The faculty and staff from DVC will receive salaries from DVC if they work at BFU. BFU will provide room on an availability basis and board for DVC faculty and staff.
5. Issues of health and life insurance of exchange students, faculty and staff will fall under the jurisdiction of the insurance policies of their respective institution. However, each institution must be provided with documentation that the respective exchange participants are covered with both health and life insurance.
6. All international travel expenses will be the responsibility of the respective exchange participants.
7. Exchange of academic materials and publications.
8. Establish transferable credits, joint curricula and joint research. The Registrar’s Offices
from the two institutions will keep in touch and advise each other any new information and requirements.


10. Other academic exchanges including internet-based courses.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

The implementation of each exchange based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both institutions. Directors of International Programs or equivalent policy makers in both institutions shall be responsible for developing specific exchange programs for both institutions.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Both BFU and DVC shall encourage their students to study abroad.

**AUTONOMY**

Nothing shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor will any constraints be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the agreement.

**REVISION**

This agreement is subject to revision by mutual agreement.

**LANGUAGE**

This agreement in English and Chinese is considered to be an original text.

**DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

This agreement shall be effective for five years from the day of its ratification by representatives of both institutions. It is also understood that the agreement shall be renewed automatically for another five years unless there is a written notice of its termination from either institution six months before the expiration date.

Thomas C. LEAMER  President  Delaware Valley College  Month/Date/Year __12/08/2006__

Weilun YIN  President  Beijing Forestry University  Month/Date/Year __01/18/2007__