



Letter of Agreement



Goals and Purposes of Agreement:

We, as members of SUN, will do our best to enhance the values of the Silk Road as a wealth of human civilizations and a source of pride for human beings by developing and implementing diverse programs of education and research in cooperation with each member university. In order to fulfill this vision, we all agree to make a joint effort on the following areas:

- accreditation, joint development of common coursework, team teaching, joint development of educational materials
- joint degrees among member universities
- exchange of students and researchers
- scholarships & funding for ease of travel along the Silk Road
- networking of libraries
- joint research

Establishment of Committee(s) and Commitment of Members of SUN for Operation of the Committee(s):

We all agree to establish a committee(s) comprising of experts tasked with discussing and making recommendations on each of the aforementioned issues by the next General Assembly, 2017. Each member university and institution support the activities of the committee(s) by sending representatives to the committee.

Delegation of Power to Appoint:

We all agree to delegate power to appoint the Chairman and members of the committee(s) to the Secretary General of SUN.





Signed on August 9, 2016

during the 2nd General Assembly of the Silk-road Universities Network (SUN) at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, Korea jointly by



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Proposal to Amend the Articles of Association

Prepared by the members of the International Preparatory Committee for the Second General Assembly of SUN. The Committee was held at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, the Chair University of SUN, from July 12 - 14, 2016.

Proposal #1. Adding flexibility to the Time of General Assembly

Article 24. Original statement. + "The time of General Assembly may be held in other than the stipulated period contingent upon consensus by the Assembly on proposal by the Secretary General."

Proposal #2. Types of Membership and Membership Dues for Member Universities from countries with ongoing financial crisis

Article 6. Original statement + "and associate members."

+ "4. Associate members shall be able to participate in all activities of this organization but will forego the right to vote as well as the right to occupy any elected position in this organization."

Article 7

+"3. Institutional members and/or individual members will acquire associate member status should they fail to pay the membership dues of this organization after the stipulated period of 3 years (wherein owing to financial crises in their home country they are unable to do so), if and only if the General Assembly is in consensus."

Article 10

+"5. Members belonging to countries in the midst of a financial crises shall be exempt from paying the membership dues up to a period of 3 years."

Article 11

2. When a member "not exempted as stated in Article 7" neglects their duty to pay dues

Proposal #3. Revoking co-chair institution, establishing honorary chair institution & expansion of no. of board of directors

Article 12. The organization can appoint the following executives:

- 1. The Chairperson must be the president, rector, or chancellor (or vice-chancellor) of a member university. Member organization headed by the elected Chairperson will be referred to as the Chair University if it is a university or Chair Institution otherwise.
- 2. Secretary General may recommend to the General Assembly an organization which has made a significant contribution to the development of SUN to be appointed as an Honorary Chair Institution, the head of which will be the Honorary Chairperson. The Honorary Chair Institution and Chairperson will not be counted as members of the executives of SUN.

(Subsequent numbering changes accordingly)

3->4. Up to thirty-five (35) board of directors, including the ex-officio directors as specified in Article 34 can be appointed. The organizations headed by an appointed director will be referred to as directive university or directive institution.

Article 13. (Roles and Duties of the Chairperson/Chair Institution and Honorary Chairperson/Chair Institution of General Assembly) The Chairperson of the General Assembly shall have two roles: presiding over the General Assembly and representing its views. The Chairperson of the General Assembly will also serve concurrently as the board president. The Chairperson shall: ① possess executive powers over the budget plan of the chairing university and the chairing institution, and ② ensure that the following are included in the regular budgets of the chairing university and the chairing institution.

a) b) c) the same

The duties of the Honorary Chairperson include, but are not limited to, extending administrative and financial assistance to the operation and related projects of SUN as well as an advisory role.

Article 19

+3 The Honorary Chairperson/Chair Institution shall be appointed on recommendation by the Secretary General or at least 10 members of the General Assembly and by receiving approval from a majority of all members participating in the vote.

Article 34

- 1. The Chairperson of the General Assembly.
- 3. Remove
- 4. President of IASS
- 5. President of USSUN

Article 32

The Board of Directors shall be composed of <u>up to 35 non-permanent directors</u>, including the exofficio directors.

Proposal #4. Establishment of diverse forums

Article 55

- +D) International Consultative Group
- +E) Diverse Forums
- +Article 60 (Establishment of Diverse Forums)
- 1. Member Universities and Institutions shall establish a forum(s) pertaining to diverse aspects of the Silk Road in collaboration with other members of this organization.
- **2.** Secretary General shall provide, if necessary, administrative and financial support for operation of these forums.

Proposal #5. Corrections for Typos and Incorrect Translation from Korean to English

Article 20

- "Article 10" expressed in the Article should be corrected as "Article 12" instead.
- All executives provided for in Article 12 shall serve for a term of three (3) years and may be reelected one (1) time to serve an additional term; provided the Secretary General shall serve an initial term of five (5) years and may be reelected one (1) time to serve an additional term, that Auditors and Treasurer shall serve an initial term of two (2) years and cannot be reelected to serve consecutively, and that Honorary Chairperson/Chair Institution shall serve an initial term of three (3) years and may be reelected without limitation of the number of time to serve additional terms.