The Peder Sather Center for Advanced Studies
The University of Bergen’s ambitions

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The University of Bergen (UiB)

• An internationally recognized research university dedicated to advancing research, science and higher education
  – We emphasize the international dimension in everything we do
  – Global challenges

• UiBs strategy: Excellent quality is the guiding principle
  – This is the foundation of all our partnerships in research and education

• Plan of action for international activities 2011-2015
  – Emphasize quality
  – See research and education together
  – Strengthen our partnerships in the US
Research cooperation with UC Berkley

• General agreements between UiB and UC Berkley:
  – Faculty and graduate student exchange agreement from 2006, in a consortium with Norwegian institutions

• The Faculty of Social Science’s (UiB) relations:
  – The Norwegian Center at the Department of Sociology
    • Important partner and resource for many departments, among them Sociology, Economy and Anthropology
  – The Department of Sociology’s (UiB) relations to it’s equivalent department in Berkeley
    • Comprehensive collaboration within the field of sociology and exchange researches, PhDs and staff

• Very important to the Department of Sociology at UiB
Research cooperation with UC Berkley

• The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences’ relations to Berkeley:
  – Space Physics
    • Ongoing research project
  – Seismic and measurement of EMC
    • Research collaboration

• Other relations between UiB and Berkeley:
  – Research collaboration within public health on lifestyle epidemiology
  – Research collaborations within the humanities in linguistics and medieval studies
Education – exchange agreements

• Faculty and Student exchange agreements (PhD, Master)
  – 4 students for two semesters / 8 for one semester exchange from UiB to Berkeley
  – Some difficulties with the admissions
  – Very popular among our students and PhDs

• Exchange agreement for Bachelor and Master students within the Social Sciences
  – Through the Department of Sociology at UC Berkley
  – Part of the general agreement between Department of Sociology, the Norwegian Center and Norwegian partners from several institutions, within the social sciences
  – UiB exchanged 43 students to Berkeley on the agreement in 2011, and in all 139 since 2005
Ambitions for further development of our relations

• Ongoing processes
  – Anthropology has started a dialogue with the corresponding department at Berkley
  – Ongoing renewal process of the *Faculty and Graduate Student Exchange Agreement*

• Ambitions
  – To institutionalize the work and foundation for cooperation laid down by Trond Petersen in a formal agreement
  – Widen the focus of the agreement from only the social sciences to a broader academic approach
  – Emphasize mutual interests in collaboration
• We are very satisfied with the already existing collaboration with UC Berkely both in relation to research and student exchange – it has been very important for UiB

• Therefore we are very positive and optimistic with regard to the future collaboration in the frame of Peder Sather Center – hopefully a collaboration with no limits !!!
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