



## **Guidelines for Developing International Partnership Agreements and Initiating International Exchange Programs**

### ***Declaration of Principles***

Partnerships or exchange programs between KSU and overseas institutions are based on the following principles:

1. All international partnership agreements involving KSU or any unit thereof must be signed by the President of Kennesaw State University or in approved cases, by the Associate Vice-Provost for Global Affairs.
2. The international partnership/exchange agreement must support and advance KSU's mission and strategic plan.
3. International partnership agreements must emphasize equality and reciprocity, must lead to mutual benefits, and must advance global understanding.
4. As much as possible, international partnerships should be financially self-sufficient, i.e., KSU students are scheduled to be outbound before or concurrent with hosting the first inbound international student.
5. Overseas partner institutions should be carefully selected based on the following criteria:
  - a. Reputation of the institution in teaching, research, service or outreach
  - b. Quality of potential partner institution's academic and other programs
  - c. Safety at the institution and surrounding region
  - d. Opportunities for grants and contracts to support initiatives
  - e. Access KSU faculty/students will have desired program/curricular offerings
  - f. Support services and programs for visiting KSU faculty/students
  - g. Adequacy of and access to health care services
  - h. Adequacy and quality of housing arrangements, food services, etc.
  - i. Desirability of the location as a study abroad, research or internship abroad site
  - j. Commitment of the partner institution to the partnership
  - k. Partner institution's prior experience with international student exchanges
  - l. The feasibility of sustaining regular and long-term faculty/student participation