

# **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

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## **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Signs Memorandum Of Agreement with Universidad Autonoma de Queretaro**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi President Flavius Killebrew today (Monday, Feb. 2) signed a Memorandum of Agreement for the exchange of faculty and students with Universidad Autonoma de Queretaro for educational opportunities and research activities.

Initially, the agreement will encompass the areas of music, visual arts and the performing arts. In addition to the exchange of students and faculty, the agreement provides for the development of seminars, workshops and service projects for the benefit of both institutions.

“We are extremely pleased to join with such an outstanding university in creating a partnership that transcends national boundaries and diverse cultures,” said Killebrew. “This agreement will strengthen the ties between South Texas and Mexico and provide opportunities for faculty and students from both sides of the border to work together and share their knowledge and experience.”

Dr. Robert Nelsen, associate vice president for Academic Affairs and head of the University’s Office of International Education, said the agreement is a huge leap forward in the goal of internationalizing the Island University. The benefits, he stressed, are reciprocal.

“This agreement sets the stage for future collaborations between our universities,” Nelsen said. “But perhaps more importantly, the cultural life of both Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and the Universidad Autónoma de Queretaro will receive a tremendous boost as we send music, theater, and art faculty and students to each other’s campus.”

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La Universidad Autónoma de Queretaro is located in the historical “Cerro de las Campanas” (Hill of the Bells) about 120 miles northwest of Mexico City. The University’s curriculum emphasizes the humanities, economical and administrative sciences, social and political Sciences, chemical and biological sciences, psychology and pedagogical sciences, health sciences, and physics and mathematical sciences.

La Universidad Autónoma de Queretaro was founded in 1951 and has agreements with 20 international institutions including, Texas A&M University, the University of California, Western Michigan, Western Illinois, Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University.

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