PROPOSAL FOR NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAMS:

Technische Universitaet Braunschweig, Germany

and

Management Center Innsbruck, Austria

RATIONALE:

This request for two new exchange programs comes in support of the project that was proposed by Professor Matt Germonprez, and which was funded by the US Department of Education's FIPSE program, to create a consortium for transatlantic student exchange in the field of Information Technology. The consortium consists of the following partners: UW-Eau Claire, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Technische Universitaet Braunschweig, and the Management Center of Innsbruck, Austria.

Abstract from FIPSE proposal:

The GlobITpro is a transatlantic student mobility program in the area of "Global IT Project Management" with an emphasis on Entrepreneurship, Global Collaboration, and Virtual IT Management. Within a one year study program students (6 EU and 6 US per year) will gain experience in intercultural settings, in the context of innovative IT projects in the US and EU. During a full semester of classes abroad (30 ECTS or 15 credits) students will develop skills in eCollaboration, virtual project and IT management. The inspiring program of activities including a business plan competition, excursions to key industry players and especially adapted courses will enable young professionals to deepen their knowledge and thus enhance employability. Figures: 48 US & EU students and 18 faculty will participate in the program.

ENROLLMENT LIMITS:

While there is no limit to the number of students who may enroll in this project, the FIPSE grant provides funding only for the number of students specified above (24 US students over the 4-year period of funding). This exchange may continue in future years with students participating on the same terms as current UWEC exchange programs, i.e. with tuition paid to the home institution, and room/board paid to the host institution.

CURRICULUM:
The academic focus of this exchange program will be courses offered by the College of Business -- in particular, though not limited to, Information Systems.

**EXCURSIONS:**

Students will participate in site visits and excursions led by consortium faculty, to such places as the Volswagenwerk, BMW, and software corporations.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Are provided for locally by hosting institutions Technische Universitaet Braunschweig and Management Center Innsbruck, Austria, in university dormitories.

**CALENDAR:**

The first cohort of students will study abroad during summer of 2010. Thereafter, this will be a semester exchange program, with the UWEC students studying abroad in the spring semester, and German and Austrian students studying here at UWEC in the fall.

**FEES:**

As an exchange program, students pay tuition to their home institution, room and board to the host institution. Additionally, in this case, during the 4-year period of funding, students will receive a grant-sponsored stipend of $5,000 to support travel and accommodations abroad.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

This exchange is open to all UW-Eau Claire students, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE/FOREIGN CULTURE REQUIREMENTS:**

Participation will satisfy the FLIFC requirement.