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LETTER OF INTENT

The City College of San Francisco (CCSF) Office of International Programs (OIP) and the Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Santa Catarina - IFSC, wishing to develop cooperative relations on the basis of established contacts and mutual understandings, especially to develop academic and cultural interchange in the areas of teaching.

During CCSF's TESOL training program that took place from January 2016 to March, 2016, and that was sponsored by CAPES and SETEC, students from the Instituto's Federales (IF) provided information about the Brazilian Federal Institute system. CCSF's OIP team and IF participants agreed that IFs share many commonalities with the community college system in the United States. Therefore, this letter serves to express an interest in exploring ways our institutions may be able to work together in the areas of international exchange and education.

The area of cooperation includes, subject to mutual consent and appropriate, any program offered at either institution and proposed by either as desirable, feasible, and contributory to the fostering and development of cooperative relationship between the IF's and CCSF's OIP.

Some educational programs for consideration include:

1. Short-term academic programs
2. Cultural exchange activities
3. Participation in academic trainings and seminars, and video conferencing
4. Attendance and collaboration at conferences of mutual interest (e.g. TEFOL/TESOL)
5. Exchange of educational information and academic publications
6. Short-term programs for staff development

In the coming months, CCSF's OIP and the IF's will also be exploring the possibility of allowing for broader international exchange and education opportunities among the Federal Institute and Community College system through visits to the IF's in Brazil and CCSF.

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