

William McElroy to head 11 member delegation to China to permit exchange of scholars and students between UCSD and 2 Chinese universities

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William D. McElroy, chancellor of the University of California, San Diego, will head an 11-member delegation to the People's Republic of China to work out an agreement which would permit an exchange of scholars and students between UC San Diego and two Chinese universities.

The group, which includes nine faculty members and two wives, will depart San Diego on September 7 and return September 28.

During their stay in China, they will meet with officials from Chongqing University and the Huazhong Institute of Technology to discuss details of the proposed exchange program.

"I think one of the main things we'll accomplish is to get some idea of the nature of the exchange, how we'll handle the expenses, how we'll review the applicants, and how we'll match them up with the appropriate faculty here," McElroy said.

He estimates the original exchange will involve "five to ten students per year" from each country, mostly postdoctora1students.

The Chinese will probably send more scholars who are interested in the sciences, while UC San Diego will probably have more with interests in the fields of social sciences and the arts, according to McElroy.

Accompanying McElroy on the trip will be Marlene DeLuca, professor of chemistry; Kenneth I. Bowles, professor of electrical engineering and computer sciences; Shao Chi Lin, associate director of the Institute for Pure and Applied Physical Sciences, and Mrs. Lin; Brian Maple, associate professor of physics; Manuel Rotenberg, dean of the Office of Graduate Studies and Research; David Wong, chairman of the physics department; Yuan-Cheng Fung, professor of applied mechanics and engineering sciences, and Mrs. Fung, and Paul Pickowicz, assistant professor of history and chairman of the Chinese Studies program.

The Chancellor said that any formal agreement for the scholarly exchange would have to be approved by UC officials, but he indicated that some Chinese students may start arriving at UC San Diego as early as October.

"We already have received applications from five scholars, and if everything goes well, we expect to have them over here by October," said McElroy.

McElroy will be making his first trip to China and the tour will include stops in Peijing, Wuhan, the Shandong Institute of Oceanography in Qingdao, and Shanghai.

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