UB’s Efforts to Assist Haitian Students and Build Relationships with Haitian Universities

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Assistance to Students from Haiti

- Currently enrolled students have priority
- Grace period provided for payment of student accounts
- SUNY Trustee’s Haiti Earthquake Emergency Response Resolution established a tuition fund allowing nearly 60 SUNY students who are Haitian nationals to attend SUNY at resident tuition rates through spring 2011
- Several current students have received financial assistance to address short-term living expenses
Assistance to Students from Haiti

- Creation of a Scholarship Fund for Students from Haiti through Office of Development
- Fund may be used to provide short-term support to current students from Haiti
- Fund will also be used to offer scholarships to future graduate students from Haiti in target fields, e.g. Earthquake Engineering
Assistance to Students from Haiti

- CSEE/SEESL will partner in providing a set aside scholarship for a Fulbright from Haiti
- UB and SUNY will work with sponsors operating in Haiti—OAS, LASPAU—on programs to bring sponsored graduates to UB in target fields
Outreach to Universities in Haiti

- Most Haitian institutions, already weak before the disaster, were largely destroyed by the earthquake
- For example, the State University of Haiti lost 400+ students and 25 faculty
- A large number of university students left Haiti after the earthquake to continue their education
- This accelerates the catastrophic brain drain from Haiti
Outreach to Universities in Haiti

- **MOU with Quisqueya University (UniQ) in Port-au-Prince**
- **MCEER and UniQ Faculty of Engineering to partner on training programs in building assessment and earthquake engineering**
- Expand collaboration to include other areas, including exchanges
- **MOU anticipated with the State University of Haiti**
Outreach to Universities in Haiti

- Partnership with UniQ for joint applications for USAID-funded development projects
- Funding for training of graduate students at UB
- Work with other NGO’s and professional associations like NAFSA: Association of International Educators to involve U.S. higher education in assistance to Haitian universities and students