American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture

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AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER

MISSION

The fundamental mission of the AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER is to assist the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture to achieve its aims and objectives. The overall mission of AFGLC is to assist in the preservation and enhancement of Greek culture and language in the United States through our academic institutions of higher learning. The AFGLC mission is to be accomplished by establishing INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTERS FOR HELLENIC STUDIES (ICHS) in strategically selected regions across America. The ICHSs will be modeled in administrative and academic structure similar to the “AFGLC—ICHS” at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. The ICHSs will consist of a minimum of five endowed professors in Greek Language and Literature, Greek History, Greek Philosophy, Greek Culture and the Orthodox Religion. This academic composition will adequately address the educational aspects of the complex meaning of Hellenism.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES: AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER

- To assist AFGLC headquarters in establishing Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies (ICHS) in the United States.
- To establish a working relationship with Greek universities with respect to faculty exchange programs with prominent scholars on Hellenism.
- To establish and implement procedures of selecting and sponsoring Greek university graduates who would like to pursue graduate studies on some aspect of Hellenism abroad.
- To establish a working hypothesis whereby both graduate and undergraduate students in the United States studying classics can spend part of their educational program in Greece.

To work with us ICHS's to facilitate "Study-in-Greece" opportunities for US graduate and undergraduate students.
To work closely with research institutes, foundations and the Association of Greek Alumni of American Universities on common interests about the educational aspects of Hellenism.

■ To assist in the establishment and publishing of an international journal on Hellenism.

■ To facilitate archival and research material pertaining to Greek culture and history, that are important in the educational aspect of Hellenism.

■ To assist in the development of traveling exhibits (archaeological, Fine arts, etc.)

■ To assist in the development of exhibits for touring the United States for educational and promoting purposes of Hellenism.

■ To assist in enriching the "AFGLC ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL FORUM" by involving prominent scholars in Greek culture and civilization.

■ To assist in organizing seminars, symposia and conferences in Greece for the promotion of Hellenism in the Americas.

■ To assist in publishing scholarly works of Greek scholars on Hellenism for distribution in the United States.

■ To assist in the creation of an Internet system of archives of original published research on Greek history and culture for global view and recognition.

■ To assist in identifying Greek philanthropists and business enterprises that will financially assist the establishment of endowed professors and hence the establishment of ICHS.

■ To identify and enhance the unique merits of educating Americans on what the Greeks have contributed to the development of the West to the Hellenic Republic.

■ To inform the Hellenic Republic of AFGLC efforts for the rejuvenation and enhancement of Hellenism in the United States.

Perhaps: To explain to the representatives of the Hellenic Republic the merits of educating Americans about the contributions of Greece will enhance America’s ability to understand modern Greece.
ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER

The attached schematic network system will constitute the administrative structure of the AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER.

The Honorary Advisory Board (HAB) will be the main nucleus in accumulating information from other entities of the network and advising the administrative staff. This board will consist of outstanding academicians, public servants and business individuals who believe in the noble mission of AFGLC.

The attached list of Greek and private universities will be invited to be an integral part of the AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER. Each of these academic institutions will constitute the appropriate components in the network to advise the HAB and, thus, the administrative staff on issues related to the aims and objectives of AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER. The directors of the attached research institutes or a designated representative of these will be invited to be a part of the identified entity in the network system.

The Hellenic American Union (HAU) will be an important integral part of the AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER. The HAU aims and objectives are engaged in educational projects between Greece and the United States. Thus, it is a perfect setting for AFGLC and HAU to work together to achieve their mutual goals and significantly interact on educational efforts about Hellenism. The officers and Board of Directors of HAU will be an excellent source in advising and assisting the AFGLC activities in Athens.

The officers of the Greek Alumni of American Universities will constitute a unique body for assisting and advising the Administrative Staff (AS) through the appropriate channels on all aspects of the fundamental mission of AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER. Because of their personal understanding of the educational process in academic institutions in the United States, this advisory component will be very important to the development of ICHS.
There are several Greek foundations that enthusiastically share the aims and objectives of AFGLC. Thus, we believe that we can develop a mutual partnership to proceed in all educational and public aspects of Hellenism in the United States. Each foundation brings forward some unique aspects to the subject matter of Hellenism. With this, combined with the strategic educational and business plans of AFGLC, we can successfully achieve the overall mission of our foundation.

Business and industrial communities in Greece will ultimately benefit from the Greek business segment and industrial complex in the long run. The accomplishments of AFGLC in the United States will benefit from the accomplishments of AFGLC in the United States. Thus, we will identify and structure a Greek business personnel entity into the AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER.

The Board of Directors of AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER will consist of diversified, outstanding individuals from academia, public servants, professionals, and businesspeople who understand and unequivocally support the overall strategic plan of AFGLC's fundamental mission about Hellenism in the United States.

The overall operational responsibility of the AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER will be the Administrative Staff. The Administrative Staff will consist of, but not be limited to, the Director, Deputy Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and International Correspondent. The Administrative Staff will assume leadership and apply administrative strategies to execute the interacting and advising process of the AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER network as have been established. The overall decision process will be a joint effort between the Board of Directors and the Administrative Staff of the AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER.

Finally, the overall governance of the AFGLC—ATHENS CENTER will be in accordance with the corporate structure and By-laws of the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture. Any international entities that may be necessary to add to the AFGLC By-laws in the future will be so added as official amendments.
GREEK UNIVERSITIES
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Athens University of Economics and Business
Democritus University of Thrace
National & Capodistrian University of Athens
National Technical University of Athens
Harokopio University
Hellenic Open University
Ionian University
Panteion University
School of Fine Arts
Technical University of Crete
University of the Aegean
University of Crete
University of Ioannina
University of Macedonia
University of Patras
University of Piraeus
University of Thessaly

PRIVATE COLLEGES / FOREIGN SCHOOLS
American School of Classical Studies at Athens
New York College
University of Indianapolis, Athens Campus
University of La Verne, Athens

RESEARCH INSTITUTES
Center for the Greek Language
Institute of International Relations (IIR)
Institute for Language and Speech Processing (ILSP)
National Center for Social Research (EKKE)
National Research Foundation (EIE)