Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost

MEMORANDUM

22 March 2006

To: UNLV Campus Community

From: Michael W. Bowers
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Subject: Approval - New Unit - Black Mountain Institute (BMI)

Please note that the Black Mountain Institute (BMI) was approved at the March 2006 NSHE Board of Regents meeting.

The Black Mountain Institute is to be comprised of two units: the Forum on Contemporary Culture and the North American Network of Cities of Asylum. Black Mountain Institute’s emphasis will be on a discussion of issues of contemporary culture and miscommunication, and refuge for writers in need of protection from the governments of their homelands.

BMI will:
1. Link its strands in the cooperative enhancement of several aspects of global thought and writing.

2. Provide safe harbor for writers in need of protection from despotic regimes in cities around North America.

3. Provide a forum for a "dialogue of civilizations," a stage on which people of unlike minds can discuss world issues.

4. Help provide translation and publishing outlets for writers in asylum and for writers from traditionally under-translated, under-represented languages.

Date of initiation: 1 July 2006

Please note for lists, databases, and generation of appropriate codes, etc.

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