

**Appendix III:
Response from
China**

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We excerpt the responses Chinese institutions sent to 44 American institutions that closed their CIs. All original documents are available in our online database at https://data.nas.org/confucius_institute_contracts.

Some universities denied the existence of any response from Chinese institutions. Many others failed to supply documents by our publication deadline, either by not responding to an open records request or (in the case of institutions not subject to open records laws) declining to provide documents.

This list is organized alphabetically by state.

Institution	State	Chinese Partner University	Date Closed
Auburn University at Montgomery	AL	Hubei University of Economics	6/1/2019

Response from CI Headquarters "It's with confusion and disappointment to learn about your University's decision of concluding the Confucius Institute at AUM at the end of June, due to adjustments of global initiatives. In particular, we were shocked that you had made this decision without discussion with us and your Chinese partner university in advance. It's sad to see a partnership ended like this, and we're concerned about the adverse effect it may have on China-US educational exchanges....As your partner, we sincerely hope you and AUM will protect the Confucius Institute's reputation, and pursue proper solutions to address any other problems caused by the closure of the Confucius Institute." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Carl A. Stockton, Chancellor, Auburn University at Montgomery, March 25, 2019.

Response from
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Arizona State University	AZ	Sichuan University	5/1/2019
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Response from CI Headquarters
 “However, as a partner, your university hadn’t taken the obligations pursuant to the Article 10 of the Agreement, which goes as :” either party may terminate this Agreement prior to the end of the Term upon giving written notice at least 6 months in advance of their intention to terminate“. However, we understand that your university made this decision due to the pressure....We hope you and your university will treat the CI program in a fair and objective way, make all due efforts to protect the CI’s reputation before the Agreement is terminated.” Letter from Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Mark Searle, Executive Vice President and Provost, Arizona State University, May 7, 2019.

Response from Chinese Partner University

University of Arizona	AZ	Shaanxi Normal University	7/31/2020
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Response from CI Headquarters
 “However, as a partner, your university won’t be able to take the obligations of the Agreement any more due to the pressure of receiving the federal funding, for which we deeply regret. ... We are willing to work closely with you to transfer the Confucius Institute to a new partner.” - Letter from Jing Wei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Liesl Folks, Provost, and Brent White, Vice Provost, University of Arizona, February 4, 2020.

Response from Chinese Partner University

San Diego State University	CA	Xiamen University	6/1/2019
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Response from CI Headquarters
 “In the past 11 years, the Confucius Institute Headquarters (hereinafter referred to as “Headquarters”) and Xiamen University of China have attached great importance and extended tremendous support to the development of the Confucius Institute at San Diego State University (hereinafter referred to as “CI”), and completely performed the rights and obligations agreed to in the Renewal of Agreement between Confucius Institute Headquarters of China and San Diego State University of the United States on Co-Development of Confucius Institute at San Diego State University (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”). However, as a partner, your university won’t be able to take the obligations of the Agreement any more due to the legislation enacted by the U. S. government and the pressure of the funding from Department of Defense, for which we deeply regret....However, we are delighted to see that your university will continue to work with Xiamen University on the Six Arts Center to develop multiple cultural exchange programs....We appreciated your university’s effort to demonstrate the real and important value of the CI in a fair and objective way, and we hope to make all due efforts with you to protect the CI’s reputation as before and always.” - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Adela de la Torre, President, San Diego State University, July 8, 2019.

Response from Chinese Partner University

University of California-Davis	CA	Jiangnan University	8/15/2020
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Response from CI Headquarters

“Especially right after the outbreak of the COVID-19, as the Chinese partner of CI program, Jiangnan University has donated 2000 masks to UC Davis. However, as a partner, without having a discussion with the Headquarters or with Jiangnan University, not even given us any prior notice, your university made a unilateral decision on April 28, 2020 to terminate the Agreement on August 15, 2020 and made the news accessible on the university’s website, which means that your university hadn’t taken the obligations pursuant to the Article 11 of the Agreement, which goes as: “either party intends to terminate this Agreement upon giving a written notice at least six months in advance of their intention to terminate.” This action is undoubtedly with little respect to the Chinese partners and a violation of the contract, for which we deeply regret....It will be appreciated if you could give a fair and objective evaluation of the CI at UC Davis, and we are hoping that your university will protect the Confucius Institute’s reputation as always, and facilitate the public awareness of a real Confucius Institute through various channels....Though your university gave up the Confucius Institute, we believe that your university will still value the relationship with Chinese institutions. As what said in your letter, we are interested to explore a new structure of cooperation, and we are supportive for your university to maintain and deepen the long-lasting partnership with Jiangnan University, to strengthen our collaboration to enhance international education and exchange to address these global concerns by joining hands and closing ranks.” - Letter from (name redacted), Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Gary S. May, Chancellor, University of California Davis, April 30, 2020.

Response from Chinese Partner University

Miami Dade College	FL	Jiangsu Normal University	12/2019
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Response from CI Headquarters

“It’s with astonishment and disappointment to learn about the unilateral announcement of the University to conclude the Confucius Institute at the Miami Dade College (MDC), while we just renewed the Confucius Institute Agreement 3 months ago....However, as a partner, your university terminated the above agreements due to the political pressure, for which we deeply regret because it is against our Agreements....We hope your university could expound the role and value of the CI in a fair and objective way and protect the CI’s reputation ” - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Rolando Montoya, Miami Dade College, September 6, 2019.

Response from Chinese Partner University

University of North Florida	FL	Shaanxi Normal University	8/1/2018
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Response from CI Headquarters

“I am deeply shocked that you informed us of terminating our cooperation all of a sudden and announced the closure of the Confucius Institute at the University of North Florida unilaterally before the expiration of our Agreement....[In 2014] Member of Congress Ander Crenshaw, former President John Delaney, Vice President Mauricio Gonzalez, Director of International Center Timothy Robinson, Superintendent of Duval County School District Ed Pratt-Dannals, etc. all wrote letters to endorse their support to the Confucius Institute at the UNF. ... In the past 4 years, the Confucius Institute Headquarters has attached great importance to and fully supported the development of Confucius Institute at the UNF. Under the leadership of UNF, the Chinese faculty have worked with American colleagues closely to teach Chinese language and carry out culture activities openly and transparently following the relevant laws and regulations. They have paid tremendous efforts for this mission and their achievements are worth respecting.As your partner, we hope you and UNF could appraise this cooperative program objectively and fairly, clarify the untrue criticism and groundless statements from few persons and media.” - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Executive Deputy Director-General, Hanban, to David Szymanski, President, University of North Florida, August 15, 2018.

Response from Chinese Partner University

“We were very shocked when we got the Confucius Institute Termination Notice, which cannot be accepted....However, UNF made such a disappointing decision without any explanation, which reflects that UNF didn’t value the relationship with SNNU. On this account, we determined to terminate the cooperative relationship between SNNU and UNF.” - Letter from You Xuqun, President, Shaanxi Normal University, to David Szymanski, President, University of North Florida, August 15, 2018.

University of West Florida	FL	Sichuan International Studies University	Fall 2017
Response from CI Headquarters	<p>"I was shocked to be informed that UWF decided to suspend the CI ...Besides, as neither the Headquarters nor SISU had heard of negative comments from UWF in any kind on the above mentioned factors before, we were extremely shocked and confused about the news....We hope UWF will objectively and fairly deal with the attention given by American media and others to the closure of CI at UWF, so as to prevent people with ulterior motives distorting the fact and exerting negative influence to CI's brand and reputation." - Letter from Jing Wei, Deputy Director-General, Hanban, to Martha Saunders, President, University of West Florida, February 14, 2018.</p>		
Response from Chinese Partner University			
Augusta University	GA	Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine	6/1/2018
Response from CI Headquarters	<p>"As your partner, we cherish the bilateral cooperation and sincerely hope you and Augusta University will protect the Confucius Institute's reputation." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Deputy Director-General, Hanban, to Brooks A. Keel, President, Augusta University, November 2, 2018.</p>		
Response from Chinese Partner University	<p>"I sincerely hope that you and our faculty currently assigned to your CI can keep the disengagement courteous and low profile....Sometimes new beginnings are disguised as painful endings." - Letter from Jianguang Xu, President, Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, to Brooks A. Keel, President, Augusta University, October 27, 2018.</p>		
Kennesaw State University	GA	Yangzhou University	10/3/2019
Response from CI Headquarters	<p>"As your partner, we sincerely hope you and Kennesaw State University will protect the Confucius Institute's reputation." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Ronald Matson, Senior Associate Vice President, Kennesaw State University, July 29, 2019.</p>		
Response from Chinese Partner University			
Savannah State University	GA	Jiujiang University	7/1/2020
Response from CI Headquarters	<p>"The raging COVID-19 pandemic is all the proof that human society should strengthen cooperation to fight against the virus. However, it's with regret and disappointment to learn about the University's decision to close the Confucius Institute at the Savannah State University (CISSU) at this critical time, which is committed to the cooperation and exchanges to enhance global understanding....Especially right after the outbreak of the COVID-19, as the Chinese partner of CISSU, Jiujiang University has donated 1000 masks to Savannah State University. However, as a partner, your university made a unilateral decision to terminate the Agreement ahead of expiration time, for which we deeply regret....We are hoping that your university will protect the Confucius Institute's reputation as always, and facilitate the public understanding of a real Confucius Institute through various channels...Though your university gave up the Confucius Institute, we believe that your university will still value the relationship with Chinese institutions. We are interested to explore a new structure of cooperation with your university and with the local school districts to maintain and deepen the long-lasting partnership with Chinese institutions, to strengthen our collaborative endeavor to enhance global understanding, exchange and collaboration, to address these global concerns by joining hands and closing ranks." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Director General, Center for Language Education and Cooperation, to Kimberly Ballard Washington, Interim President, Savannah State University, July 20, 2020.</p>		
Response from Chinese Partner University			

University of Hawaii Manoa	HI	Beijing Foreign Studies University	5/1/2019
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Response from CI Headquarters
 “We understand that it is with great regret that UH had to close the Confucius Institutes at UH Mānoa (CI-UHM) under such unfortunate circumstances. It appears that the independence of the universities is infringed by the government to such a degree that regular people-to-people, educational and cultural exchange programs are disrupted or even suspended...I am more than happy to learn that you plan to strength the tie with Beijing Foreign Studies University and I hope your efforts will come to fruition... We appreciate all the efforts UH Mānoa has made to make an objective and impartial evaluation of the CI-UHM, and to facilitate the winding up procedures in such a considerate manner with great sensitivity. The farewell message on the CI website tugs at my heartstrings.” - Email from Zhou Zhichang, Division of American and Oceanian Confucius Institutes, Confucius Institute Headquarters to Laura E. Lyons, Associate Vice Chancellor, University of Hawaii Manoa, June 4, 2019.

Response from Chinese Partner University

University of Idaho	ID	South China University of Technology	8/1/2020
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Response from CI Headquarters
 “To end such an excellent and down-to-earth program would severely undermine the internationalization of the University. In a world that is moving toward greater economic globalization and cultural diversity, the COVID-19 pandemic has further testified to the importance of international collaboration....I do hope that you and the University could continue to justify for the Confucius Institute and protect its reputation.” - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Director General, Center for Language Education and Cooperation, to Scott Green, President, University of Idaho, May 26, 2021.

Response from Chinese Partner University

University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign	IL	Jiangxi Normal University	9/2017
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Response from CI Headquarters
 “We understand forming and maintaining an effective international partnership has never been easy and we are determined to strive to overcome the difficulties for advancing our shared educational missions together. Those difficulties we have encountered include the current Chinese higher education partner of the CI at UIUC, Jiangxi Normal University, of matching the academic prestige and capabilities of UIUC. Therefore, we have been working with Zhejiang University to yelp establish a new partnership model for the CI at UIUC....Hanban is also willing to continue our full support! I sincerely hope that you and your colleagues at UIUC will reconsider a negotiated renewal of the CI at UIUC contract.” - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Executive Deputy Director-General, Hanban, to Robert J. Jones, Chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, August 15, 2017.

Response from Chinese Partner University

University of Kansas	KS	Central China Normal University	1/2020
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Response from CI Headquarters
 “However, as a partner, your university decided not to take the obligations of the Agreement due to the current circumstances, therefore, the K-12 school districts with outstanding Chinese programs that used to get continuous support from CI will no longer get that privilege, and the K-12 students of Kansas will lose the fair chances to learn Chinese, for which we deeply regret....We appreciated your university’s effort to disclose the real and important value of CI in a fair and objective way, and we are willing to discuss with you in terms of the new collaboration model in supporting your university’s Chinese programs as well as the local Chinese programs....We hope to make all due efforts with you to protect the CI’s reputation as before and always, and pursue proper solutions to address any problems caused by the closure of the CI.” - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Douglas A. Girod, Chancellor, University of Kansas, September 27, 2019.

Response from Chinese Partner University

Western Kentucky University	KY	North China Electric Power University	4/1/2019
Response from CI Headquarters	"We respect your decision with regard to closure of your Confucius Institute." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Timothy C. Caboni, President and Deborah Wilkins, General Counsel, Western Kentucky University, June 12, 2019.		
Response from Chinese Partner University			
University of Massachusetts Boston	MA	Renmin University of China	1/1/2019
Response from CI Headquarters			
Response from Chinese Partner University	"I am sorry that no matter how much our two universities have tried, your university has announced the sad news of the closing down of the Confucius Institute at UMass Boston on January 11th 2019. We both know it was not an easy decision to make, and we hope that it will not be the end of the academic partnership between our two universities." "I hope we can find other ways of cooperation in the near future.... Once again, I hope to highlight our willingness to maintain, deepen and strengthen our continued partnership with UMass Boston. Please feel free to contact me or my colleagues about any future possibilities." - Letter from Du Peng Vice President, Renmin University, to McDermott, Provost and Vice Chancellor, University of Massachusetts Boston, February 28, 2019.		
University of Maryland	MD	Nankai University	End of the spring 2020 semester
Response from CI Headquarters	"You have devoted great efforts to and spoke highly of the important contributions of the Confucius Institute at University of Maryland in promoting educational and cultural exchanges between China and the United States. However, as a partner, your university won't be able to take the obligations of the Agreement any more due to the pressure of the federal funding, for which we deeply regret....We deeply appreciate your efforts to assist in the transition of Confucius Institute to a new local partner....We hope your university will protect the Confucius Institute's reputation as always, and help to facilitate the public understanding of the real Confucius Institute through various channels." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Wallace D. Loh, President, University of Maryland, January 19, 2020.		
Response from Chinese Partner University			
Michigan State University	MI	The Open University of China	End of 2021
Response from CI Headquarters	"I do hope that your University continue to work hand-in-hand with The Open University of China and other partners, to find new ways a mid the current challenges, to further contribute to global collaboration through language and culture exchange. ... I sincerely wish that the University make smooth transference of related programs while winding up the Confucius Institute. ...I do hope that you and the University could continue to justify for the Confucius Institute and protect its reputation." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Director General, Center for Language Education and Cooperation to Samuel L. Stanley Jr., President, Michigan State University, April 16, 2021.		
Response from Chinese Partner University	"Though we are not able to continue our cooperation on Confucius Institute program, we still hope that your university can collaborate with Chinese institutions for language education and benefit the local Chinese learners through promotion of Chinese language and culture. I hope that the transference of CI programs to other offices can go on smoothly." - Letter from Yang Wei, President, Chinese International Education Foundation, to Samuel L. Stanley Jr., President, Michigan State University, February 20, 2021.		

Wayne State University	MI	Huazhong University of Science and Technology	1/30/2021
Response from CI Headquarters			
Response from Chinese Partner University		"If your decision to close the Confucius Institute cannot be reversed, I sincerely hope the cooperation and exchange between our two universities will continue and be fortified by signing a joint collaborative agreement. We would like to propose the establishment of a Chinese Language Center at WSU between our two universities with the support of the Chinese International Education Foundation, although we understand that this may take some time, given current political considerations." - Letter from Chen Jianguo, Vice President, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, to Ahmad M. Ezzeddine, Associate Vice President Educational Outreach and International Programs, Wayne State University, January 27, 2021.	
University of Minnesota	MN	Capital Normal University	2/1/2019
Response from CI Headquarters		"As your partner, we sincerely hope you and UMN will protect the Confucius Institute's reputation." - Letter from Jing Wei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Eric W. Kaler, President, University of Minnesota, December 25, 2018.	
Response from Chinese Partner University			
University of Missouri	MO	Shanghai Normal University	8/2020
Response from CI Headquarters		"It's with great disappointment and shock to learn that your University has announced officially and unilaterally to terminate the Confucius Institute (CI), without any prior communication with the Headquarters or Shanghai Normal University....The sudden announcement of your University to close the CI due to external pressure, showed little respect to the Chinese partners and hurt the feelings of the Chinese teachers and volunteers. It's a step beyond our understanding....I sincerely hope that your University could work in concerted efforts with us, to continue to protect the CI's reputation, the interests of the local Chinese language learners and properly handle other remaining issues." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Alexander N. Cartwright, Chancellor, University of Missouri, January 19, 2020.	
Response from Chinese Partner University			
University of Montana	MT	Southwest University of Political Science & Law	3/1/2019
Response from CI Headquarters		"Regarding the balance of CI fund, please facilitate to ask the University to provide a signed final accounting statement for CI fund from 2009 to 2018. In addition, please help to provide the asset inventorylist. As of the detailed handling of the balanced fund, cultural assets, and appliances, we will notify you further once the new partner is finalized." - Email from Hao Pan, Division of American and Oceanian Confucius Institutes, Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban, to Suhan Chen, University of Montana, June 3, 2019.	
Response from Chinese Partner University			
North Carolina State University	NC	Nanjing Normal University	11/1/2018
Response from CI Headquarters		"As your partner, we cherish the bilateral cooperation and sincerely hope you and North Carolina State University will protect the Confucius Institute's reputation." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Executive Deputy Director-General, Hanban, to Randy Woodson, President, North Carolina State University, November 9, 2018.	
Response from Chinese Partner University			

University of North Carolina Charlotte	NC	Chinese Testing International	12/2020
Response from CI Headquarters			
Response from Chinese Partner University		"We totally understand the decision that you have made in this difficult time and we are appreciative of your great efforts and devotion to operating Confucius Institute at UNC Charlotte since 2016....As before, Shanxi University remains committed to sustaining our strong partnership with UNC Charlotte and still values the cooperation with UNC Charlotte. We have had good collaboration in our Philosophy Graduates Program and Summer Spring Study Abroad Program. And we look forward to identifying more new ways of collaboration with UNC Charlotte in the future....Before the end of CI operation at UNC Charlotte, we are now trying to find another partner in Charlotte. If possible, I hope you and Dr. Nancy Gutierrez can kindly offer some help as much as you can." - Letter from Huang Guitian, President, Shanxi University, to Joan F. Lorden, Interim Chancellor Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of North Carolina Charlotte, undated.	
Dickinson State University	ND		2012
Response from CI Headquarters		"On behalf of the Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban, I would like to express my consent to your decision to put an end to the partnership agreement between us on establishing the Confucius Institute at Dickinson State University." - Letter from Wang Yongli Deputy Director General, Hanban, to D. C. Coston, President, Dickinson State University, March 1, 2012.	
Response from Chinese Partner University			
University of Nebraska Lincoln	NE	Xi'an Jiaotong University	12/2020
Response from CI Headquarters			
Response from Chinese Partner University		"I highly appreciate your willingness to promote a new phase of partnership between UNL and XJTU on Chinese language teaching in the state of Nebraska. ... You can be ensured that our support and commitment for Chinese language teaching programs and cultural activities to promote the mutual understanding between our peoples will stand firm and unshakable." - Letter from Xi Guang, Vice President, Xi'an Jiaotong University, to Ronnie Green, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, December 16, 2020.	
University of New Hampshire	NH	Chengdu University	7/30/2021
Response from CI Headquarters			
Response from Chinese Partner University		"I hope in the near future, our two schools can form a similar joint establishment for mutual benefit. I was told one of the proposals circulating around was Sustainable Design and I think this is a great idea. Your school has always been a leader in sustainability among colleges in US. It would be great for us to collaborate. With that as a platform, we may be able to explore more possibilities with mutual interests." - Letter from Wang Qingyuan, President, Chengdu University, to "Jim," (James W. Dean, Jr.), President, University of New Hampshire, undated.	
Clark County School District	NV		4/1/2019
Response from CI Headquarters		"We are hoping that your school district will protect the Confucius Institute's reputation as always, and facilitate the public understanding of a real Confucius Institute through various channels." - Email from Miao Jiefang, Division of American and Oceanian Affairs, Center for Language Education and Cooperation, to Shannon La Neve, Clark County School District, July 20, 2020.	
Response from Chinese Partner University			

Binghamton University	NY	National Academy of Chinese Theatre Arts	7/9/2021
Response from CI Headquarters	<p>"Some politicians, by reason of their own political bias, damaged the CIs in the US, forcing CIs including the CICO into closure, which severely hurts not only the learners and those who have contributed to the CI, but also the friendly exchanges between the two countries....I trust that our cooperation in the CI program is the valuable asset to our all, and I sincerely hope this precious friendship of 12 years between BU and National Academy of Chinese Theatre Arts (NACTA) can still last. ...If condition permits in the future, BU is welcome to come back to the CI family" - Letter from Yang Wei, President, Chinese International Education Foundation, to Harvey Stenger, President, Binghamton University, April 2, 2021.</p>		
Response from Chinese Partner University	<p>"I believe the sweet memories of our twelve-year CI program will be cherished by both universities. As the line of T.S. Eliot goes, "to make an end is often a beginning", I am confident that we will find the best way to establish other collaborations for the benefits of our students and faculties in the near future. " - Letter from Xiaodong Yiu, President, The National Academy of Chinese Theatre Arts, to Harvey Stenger, President, Binghamton University, April 8, 2021.</p>		
Stony Brook University	NY	Zhongnan University of Economics and Law	5/5/2021
Response from CI Headquarters	<p>"The raging COVID-19 pandemic is all the proof that human society should strengthen cooperation to fight against the virus, However, it's with regret and disappointment to learn about the University's decision to close the Confucius Institute at Stony Brook University at this critical time....In the past 12 years, the former Confucius Institute Headquarters and Zhongnan University of Economics and Law have attached great importance and extended tremendous support to the development of the Confucius Institute at Stony Brook University, and completely performed the rights and obligations...However, as a partner, your university made a unilateral decision to close the Confucius Institute, for which we deeply regret. I want to reiterate that Confucius Institutes have always been committed to Chinese language learning and enhancing U.S.-China people-to-people exchanges. The stigmatization of Confucius Institutes deviates from the real practices of our cooperation. It is groundless political bias. History will prove that such behaviors are absolutely wrong and short-sighted. We are hoping that you and your university will protect the Confucius Institute's reputation as always, and facilitate the public understanding of a real Confucius Institute through various channels." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Director General, Center for Language Education and Cooperation, to Maurie McInnis, President, Stony Brook University, February 10, 2021.</p>		
Response from Chinese Partner University	<p>"We share the same opinion with you on this point that the closure does not mean the end of our partnership. Instead we will strive to maintain and strengthen the tie between us. Based on the strong relationship between Stony Brook University and ZUEL, we will explore new ways in our cooperation. For example, more schools can be involved in establishing new projects including visiting faculty, joint research, student exchange, language learning and cultural exchange. Faculty and students on both sides will benefit from these projects. We continue to strengthen the cooperation with Business School and jointly cultivate more outstanding students. We believe that a win-win situation will be ultimately achieved between Stony Brook University and ZUEL." - Letter from Yang Canming, President, and Yao Li, Vice President, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, to Maurie McInnis, President, Stony Brook University, February 9, 2021.</p>		
University at Buffalo	NY	Capital Normal University	End of 2021
Response from CI Headquarters			
Response from Chinese Partner University	<p>"Regarding the issue of agreement termination, CNU totally understands and respects UB's decision, and we hope that the long-standing friendly relationship between the two universities will never be affected by it. CNU treasures the key link of friendly exchanges between the two universities and is more than willing to work with UB in new ways of cooperation to keep benefiting Chinese learners in west New York State and keeps on building an ever-stronger ties with diversified collaboration in the field of academic research, disciplines construction, cultural and educational exchanges as well as community services." - Letter from Meng Fanhua, President, Capital Normal University, to Satish K. Tripathi, President, University at Buffalo, undated.</p>		

Cleveland State University	OH	Capital University of Economics and Business	9/2021
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Response from CI Headquarters

“Your letter dated March 10, 2021 has been received. The raging COVID-19 pandemic is all the proof that human society should strengthen cooperation to fight against the virus. However, it’s with regret and disappointment to learn about the University’s decision to close the Confucius Institute at Cleveland State University at this critical time, which is committed to the cooperation and exchanges to enhance global understanding....In the past 13 years, the former Confucius Institute Headquarters and Capital University of Economics and Business have attached great importance and extended tremendous support to the development of the Confucius Institute at Cleveland State University, and completely performed the rights and obligations....However, as a partner, your university made a unilateral decision to close the Confucius Institute, for which we deeply regret.I want to reiterate that Confucius Institutes have always been committed to Chinese language learning and enhancing U.S.-China people-to-people exchanges. The stigmatization of Confucius Institutes deviates from the real practices of our cooperation. It is groundless political bias. History will prove that such behaviors are absolutely wrong and short-sighted. We are hoping that you and your university will protect the Confucius Institute’s reputation as always, and facilitate the public understanding of a real Confucius Institute through various channels....Though your university gave up the Confucius Institute, we believe that your university will still value the relationship with Chinese institutions. We are supportive of your plan to explore a new structure of cooperation with Capital University of Economics and Business to maintain and deepen the long-lasting partnership with Chinese institutions, to strengthen our collaborative endeavor to enhance global understanding, exchange and collaboration, to address these global concerns by joining hands.” - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Director General, Center for Language Education and Cooperation, to Harlan Sands, President, Cleveland State University, March 12, 2021.

Response from Chinese Partner University

Miami University	OH	Liaoning Normal University	6/30/2020
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Response from CI Headquarters

“It’s with shock and disappointment to learn about the University’s unilateral decision to stop hosting the Confucius Institute at Miami University (CIMU) without giving any reasons....In the past 12 years, the Confucius Institute Headquarters and Liaoning Normal University of China have attached great importance and extended tremendous support to the development of CIMU, and completely performed the rights and obligations agreed in the Renewal of Agreement between Confucius Institute Headquarters of China and Miami University in the United States of America on Co-Development of Confucius Institute at Miami University. However, as a partner, your university won’t be able to take the obligations of the Agreement any more, for which we deeply regret....We appreciate your efforts to give a fair and objective evaluation of CIMU and we are willing to work closely with you on wrapping-up procedures prior to the closure of the Confucius Institute on June 30, 2020. We hope your university will safeguard the Confucius Institute’s reputation as always, and facilitate the public understanding of a real Confucius Institute through various channels.” - Letter from Jing Wei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Gregory Crawford, President, Miami University, March 12, 2020.

Response from Chinese Partner University

Portland State University	OR	Soochow University	End of the Spring 2021 semester
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Response from CI Headquarters

"It is to be regretted and lamented that Portland State University has decided to close its Confucius Institute....Some politicians, by reason of their own political bias, damaged the CIs in the US, forcing CIs including the CI at PSU into closure, which severely hurts not only the learners and those who have contributed to the CI, but also the friendly exchanges between the two countries. Your recognition for CI, Soochow University and Director WANG Yu in the letter leaves me even more convinced of the value of CI and its bright future. Only through communication and exchanges, can we better know, understand and embrace each other to jointly build a world with mutual respect and inclusiveness. I trust that our cooperation in the CI program is the valuable asset to our all, and I sincerely wish that PSU and Soochow University can continue to cooperate in fields including the Chinese language teaching in the new mode....If condition permits in the future, PSU is welcome to come back to CI family." - Letter from Yang Wei, President, Chinese International Education Foundation, to Stephen Percy, President, Portland State University, February 5, 2021.

Response from Chinese Partner University

University of Rhode Island	RI	Zhejiang University	12/1/2018
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Response from CI Headquarters

"I am deeply shocked that you informed us of terminating our cooperation all of a sudden and decided to close the Confucius Institute at the University of Rhode Island due to the influence of John McCain National Defense Authorization Act....As your partner, we hope you and URI could appraise this cooperative program objectively and fairly, clarify the untrue criticism and statements about the Confucius Institute. It is also our hope that you will deal with any issue caused by the hasty closure of the Confucius Institute properly to minimize negative impact." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Executive Deputy Director-General, Hanban, to David M. Dooley, President, University of Rhode Island, January 18, 2019.

Response from Chinese Partner University

University of South Carolina	SC	Beijing Language and Culture University	12/31/2020
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Response from CI Headquarters

"The raging COVID-19 pandemic is all the proof that human society should strengthen cooperation to fight against the virus. However, as a partner, your university made a unilateral decision to close the Confucius Institute, for which we deeply regret....Though your university gave up the Confucius Institute, we believe that your university will still value the relationship with Chinese institutions. We are supportive of your plan to explore a new structure of cooperation with Beijing Language and Culture University to maintain and deepen the long-lasting partnership with Chinese institutions, to strengthen our collaborative endeavor to enhance global understanding, exchange and collaboration, to address these global concerns by joining hands....The stigmatization of Confucius Institutes deviates from the real practices of our cooperation. It is groundless political bias. History will prove that such behaviors are absolutely wrong and short-sighted. We are hoping that you and your university will protect the Confucius Institute's reputation as always, and facilitate the public understanding of a real Confucius Institute through various channels." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Director General, Center for Language Education and Cooperation, to William F. Tate IV, Executive Vice President and Provost, University of South Carolina, February 3, 2021.

Response from Chinese Partner University

“However, the epidemic, the political disaster and the coercion of US-China relationship have curbed our collaboration so that Dean Ford of college of Arts and Sciences have made the immature decision of closing the CI at UofSC. Pursuant to the agreement, either party who initiates the closure is supposed to give a six-month notice to the other party for preparation for closure. But actually Dean Ford of CAS has no intention of informing Confucius institute in advance, and in November the CI website was abruptly closed without any notice. In the wake of it, my further visa extension was rejected by CAS without any explanation, finally Confucius Institute was informed by CAS to close. This array of decisions without notice or explanation could be construed as an irreverent attitude to the agreement signed by the three parties....A prudent decision regarding CI at UofSC is in fact beneficial and crucial to UofSC in terms of future collaboration with Beijing Language and Culture University and other Chinese universities, and even of recruitment of Chinese international students because we respect those who respect us, and we cooperate with those who observe rules and guidelines.” - Email from Yue Li, Associate Professor of Translation Studies and Deputy Director of the Confucius Institute at The University of South Carolina, writing on behalf of Beijing Language and Culture University, to Bob Caslen, President, and William F. Tate IV, Provost, University of South Carolina, January 5, 2021.

Texas A&M University	TX	Ocean University of China in Qingdao	4/1/2018
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Response from CI Headquarters

Response from Chinese Partner University

“I am writing to express how shocked and confused I am at the announcement by Mr. John Sharp, president of the Texas A&M University System, to end its partnership with Confucius Institute....The accusations of Confucius Institute are made by a few people in the U.S. because of their lack of true knowledge of its real situation, which, I am afraid, may severely affect the normal operations of the institute, impair the cooperation between our two universities that we have maintained for years, and even put into risk the long-term education exchange and cooperation between China and U.S.. We fully trust your judgment and hope that our cooperation is free of any political influence. We hope that you could continue to support the development of Confucius Institute and, as usual, we will work together with you to further our cooperation.” - Letter from Yu Zhigang, President, Ocean University, to Michael Young, President, Texas A&M University, April, 6, 2018.

University of Texas - Dallas	TX	Southeast University	8/1/2019
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Response from CI Headquarters

“As your partner, we sincerely hope you and UT Dallas will protect the Confucius Institute’s reputation.” - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Richard Benson, President, University of Texas Dallas, March 14, 2019.

Response from Chinese Partner University

“I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to you and all your colleagues engaged in the endeavors to promote the development of the CI at UTD and the scholarly collaborations and exchanges between UTD and SEU in spite of the present discouraging situation....It is understood that we do not want to see the closing event would impact the current mutual collaborations and faculty and students exchanges between UTD and SEU, and SEU would therefore consider about discussing future collaborative programs with UTD and working on a new agreement after the closing of the CI at UTD is properly settled....If the termination of the 2012 agreement, or in other words, the closing of the CI at UTD for political reason, is inevitable, I am hereby sincerely hoping that UTD could proceed with the issue based on the consensus we have reached accordingly: ...toning down the closing event to the utmost of your power.” - Letter from Wang Baoping, Executive Vice President, Southeast University, to Richard C. Benson, President, University of Texas Dallas, March 15, 2019.

University of Texas San Antonio	TX	University of International Business and Economics	2/1/2019
Response from CI Headquarters	"As your partner, we sincerely hope you and UTSA will protect the Confucius Institute's reputation." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Taylor Eighmy, President, University of Texas San Antonio, March 5, 2019.		
Response from Chinese Partner University	"As a symbol of China's unremitting efforts for world peace and international cooperation, the Confucius Institute serves as one of an important form of people-to-people exchanges between China and the United States....I sincerely hope that in the future our two universities can further deepen our cooperation and promote exchanges in areas such as co-establishment of disciplines, cultural exchanges and mutual visits between teachers and students. Meanwhile, I sincerely invite you and UTSA's excellent professors to teach in our summer school....Therefore, I hope to have another communication and make more efforts on the issues of the construction of CI by the two universities. I will visit the United States in the middle of April. If possible, I am very willing to meet with you in your university to ensure the continued cooperation between the two universities on the platform of cultural exchange between China and the United States." - Letter from Wang Jiaqiong, President, University of International Business and Economics, to Taylor Eighmy, President, University of Texas San Antonio, February 25, 2019.		
College of William and Mary	VA	Beijing Normal University	6/30/2021
Response from CI Headquarters			
Response from Chinese Partner University	"Though we are not able to continue our existing joint CI cooperation, we now have a different cooperative proposal on dual degree program in MEd in teaching Chinese as foreign language (TCFL). Since it would be hard to learn how to teach Chinese as foreign language without actual experience aboard [sic], BNU would like to funded some of our Master students in TCFL, who are qualified to your academic standards, to study and registered as your students in the same or similar program, by the end of which, they will graduate with both degrees from your university and BNU." - Email from Kai Xiao, Beijing Normal University to Michael Gibbs Hill, Steve Hanson, Ying Liu, College of William and Mary, January 24, 2021.		
Old Dominion University	VA	Minzu University of China	6/30/2020
Response from CI Headquarters	"However, as a partner, your university won't be able to take the obligations of the Agreement any more due to the pressure of receiving the federal funding, for which we deeply regret." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Augustine Agho, Provost, Old Dominion University, March 16, 2020.		
Response from Chinese Partner University			
University of Washington	WA	Sichuan University, Chongqing Municipal Education Commission	1/2020
Response from CI Headquarters	"As you noted in the letter, the Headquarters would like to work together with you to properly handle the transition of the Confucius Institute. The Headquarters will exert itself to provide assistance and support if there is any need." - Letter from Ma Jianfei, deputy chief executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters, to Jeffrey M. Riedinger, vice provost, University of Washington, September 18, 2019.		
Response from Chinese Partner University			

University of Wisconsin-Platteville	WI	South-Central University for Nationalities	5/1/2021
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Headquarters

Response from
Chinese Partner
University

"I know that it is not easy for you to make this decision. I suggest we work together on a university level to continue to offer Chinese Language credit courses and Chinese Kungfu programs. SCUN will gladly continue funding this operation. We just celebrated Chinese New Year. 2021 is the year of Ox. Ox is a symbol of strength, diligence, and resilience in Chinese traditional culture. I hope that the cooperation and friendship between our universities will last as long as the tenacity of an ox. This year SCUN will celebrate its 70th anniversary in November. On behalf of SCUN, I sincerely invite you to join us for the celebration. At that time, we will continue to discuss the future cooperation between our universities. " - Letter from Jinlin Li, President, South-Central University for Nationalities, to Dennis J. Shields, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin Platteville, February 23, 2021.