



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

GOA UNIVERSITY, GOA, INDIA

AND

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA, USA

Goa University, Goa, India (hereinafter called GU) and University of South Carolina, Aiken, USA (hereinafter called USCA) establish hereby a formal understanding of co-operation and friendship which is intended to further the academic objectives of each institution and to promote better understanding between the faculty and students of GU and the faculty and students of USCA.

WHEREAS GU and USCA have established hereby a formal understanding of co-operation and friendship which is intended towards the academic development, research, exchange of students, faculty and staff as well as development of educational opportunities to enrich campus internationalization at each Institution, under this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MoU), the two institutions shall proceed to implement the following endeavours and exchanges of materials and personnel.

AND WHEREAS both the parties believing in the significance of

academic and cultural understanding and co-operation, GU and USCA have agreed to initiate the process to enhance relations, exchange of expertise, and boost academic development for both the Institutions which will also be in the general interest of students, faculty and staff at both the Institutions. **AND WHEREAS** this MoU is not to be considered as a contract between GU and USCA and is only an understanding as discussed by both parties in goodwill and in good faith in the points mentioned herein below.

Both the parties understand that all the financial arrangement will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds.

NOW THEREFORE THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESSES AS UNDER:

1. Areas of Co-operation

Co-operation shall be carried out, subject to availability of funds and approval of the competent authority of GU and USCA through such activities or programmes as:

a) Instruction through an electronic forum between classes. Both the parties will discuss the mechanism, technicalities of delivering video conferencing or web-based chat rooms.

b) To connect the undergraduate or graduate students in India to students in the United States around a specific course topic, problem or research project for the purpose of providing students with greater global perspectives on the course content or discipline.

c) Exchange of faculty members

d) Exchange of students

e) Joint research activities

f) Participation in seminars and academic meetings
g) Exchange of academic materials and other information

h) Special short-term academic programmes

i) Exchange of administrative managers/coordinators

j) Joint cultural programmes

2. The Terms of Mutual Co-operation

The terms of such mutual co-operation and necessary budget for each specific programme and activity that is implemented under the terms of this MoU shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular programme or activity and the terms of such programme shall be negotiated between the partners. Each University will designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programmes.

3. The MoU shall remain in force for a period of one (1) year from the latest date on which it is signed by the appropriate officials of the two Universities and is automatically renewed on a year to year basis unless otherwise revoked by either party in writing by giving six (6) months in advance to the other party for termination of this MoU.

4. Both the Universities commit themselves to resolve any dispute

connected to the interpretation or implementation of this MoU through negotiations.

5. At Goa University, the International Office will monitor/oversee the implementation of the MoU. At University of South Carolina Aiken, USA, the Office of Academic Affairs will monitor/oversee the implementation of the MoU.

In witness thereof the parties have signed on this MoU on the date as mentioned below.



Jam Jahni

Prof. Varun Sahni Vice-Chancellor **Goa University** Date:



Sandia Jordan

Sandra Jordan, Ph.D. Chancellor University of South Carolina Aiken, USA Date: