



# Memorandum of Understanding

## Introduction

Believing in the significance of academic and cultural understanding and cooperation, Goa University, Goa, India, and the University of South Carolina Beaufort, Bluffton, South Carolina, USA, 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 and staff at both the Institutions. This memorandum of understanding (MOU) is a step in the said direction and delineates the main features of cooperation between the two organizations, particularly in academic development, research, exchange of students, faculty, and staff; and development of educational opportunities to enrich campus internationalization at each Institution. While this memorandum is not to be considered a contract, the following articles shall be explored and discussed by both parties in good will and in good faith.

#### Article 1

Goa University, hereinafter shall be referred to as "GU" and the University of South Carolina Beaufort hereinafter shall be referred to as "USCB," have agreed to explore the possibility of establishing a relationship in order to advance global understanding, research, teaching relationships and faculty and student exchanges.

## Article 2

The two parties shall endeavor to encourage faculty and staff from both institutions to explore possible areas where instruction can be enriched through an electronic forum between classes. The purpose of the electronic forum would be to connect 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. Both the Parties will discuss the mechanism, technicalities of delivering video conferencing, an electronic forum, and/or web-based chat rooms and if the terms and conditions, financial implications are mutually agreed by and between the two parties, an agreement shall be executed between the parties incorporating all the agreed terms and conditions, which will be signed by the designated authorized persons from both the parties.

## Article 3

The two parties shall encourage the exchange of faculty and staff from both Institutions for teaching, professional development, and/or research endeavors; and/or encourage staff to carry out non-residential partnerships to develop academic and scientific research in areas and fields of interest to both parties. Joint research opportunities will be explored and encouraged.

# Article 4

The two parties agree to encourage the offering of short, specialized courses and training sessions at Undergraduate and Graduate Level in areas needed by both Institutions (for example, through short-term summer "Discovery" or "Cultural" Programs hosted on the campus).

# Article 5

The two parties shall encourage student and faculty visits from both institutions. However before implementing, all procedures, mechanisms to study, the cost and share of both the parties to implement these visits, terms and conditions including financial implications for the Institutions if mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto shall be incorporated in an agreement to be executed between the parties.

# Article 6

The two parties will encourage exchanges of ideas, processes and procedures in student life and campus leadership.

#### Article 7

One liaison officer from each Institution will be appointed to follow up the implementation of the MOU and to brief the officials in both Institutions about progress achieved.

#### Article 8

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated herein, the parties herein agree that before implementing any program/activities under this MOU/arrangement, the parties will, negotiate, discuss all the terms and conditions including financial and other implications on both the Institution and if the parties mutually agree, the agreed terms and conditions shall be so recorded in writing in an agreement to be executed by and between the parties and shall be signed by the authorized representative of the parties herein.

## Article 9

This Memorandum of Understanding is typically valid for one (1) year from the date signed by both parties and is automatically renewed on a year to year basis unless otherwise revoked by

either party in writing by giving 180-days prior notice to the other party for termination of the agreement.

Goa University

Signature: The law

Title: Vice - Chancellor

Institution: Goa University

Date: 16 November 2017

University of South Carolina Beaufort:

Signature: All M. Fame

Title: Chancellor

Institution: University of South Carolina Beaufort

Date: Sept. 22, 2017

