Memorandum of Understanding

Introduction

Believing in the significance of academic and cultural understanding and cooperation, Apeejay Stya University, India and Georgia College & State University, USA (GCSU) have agreed to initiate the process to enhance relations, exchange of expertise, and to boost academic development for both the Universities which will also be in the general interest of students and staff at both the universities. 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 university. The following articles shall be explored and discussed by both parties in good will and in good faith.

Article 1

Apeejay Stya University, hereinafter shall be referred to as "the First Party" and Georgia College & State University, hereinafter shall be referred to as "the Second Party," 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 universities 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 Universities 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 Universities, 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**

Both the Universities shall explore the feasibility of developing a select number of academic curriculum partnerships. These may ultimately be in the form of dual-degree (2X2 or similar configuration), or other creative curriculum partnerships to enrich undergraduate and/or graduate study opportunities.

**Article 4**

The First Party will explore the possibility of creating awareness of the graduate programs available at the Second Party, advising students as to the criteria and deadlines for admission, and accordingly assist students with the submission of applications to the graduate programs.

**Article 5**

The Second Party shall explore the feasibility of sending students to the First Party's institutions to take specific courses at either the undergraduate or the graduate level.

**Article 6**

The Second Party shall offer admitted graduate students from the Partner institution a tuition scholarship equivalent to approximately 65%-68% of Georgia College's graduate tuition per semester (calculated on twelve semester hours of graduate coursework). The scholarship will be extended for a total of six semesters providing the student is making adequate progress in the program.

**Article 7**

The two parties shall encourage the exchange of faculty and staff from both universities for both 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.
Article 8

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

Article 9

The two parties shall encourage student visits from both universities. 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 Universities if mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto shall be incorporated in an agreement to be executed between the parties.

Article 10

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

Article 11

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

Article 12

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated herein, the parties herein agree that before implementing any programme/activities under this MOU/arrangement, the parties will, negotiate, discuss all the terms and conditions including financial and other implications on both the Universities 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 13

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid for one (1) year from the date signed by both parties and shall be 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.
First Party:
Apeejay Stya University

Mrs. Sushma Berlia
Chancellor of Apeejay Stya University

Signature: Sushma Berlia
Date: 20th June 2011

Second Party:
Georgia College & State University

Dr. Dorothy Leland
President of Georgia College

Signature: [Signature]
Date: June 20, 2011