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Saintgits College of Applied Sciences Pathamuttom, Kerala, India



St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Devagiri, Calicut, Kerala, India

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

Between

Saintgits College of Applied Sciences, Pathamuttom, Kottayam, Kerala, India

St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Devagiri, Calicut, Kerala

This MOU is made on the 6th day of January 2023 between Saintgits College of Applied Sciences, Pathamuttom, Kottyam, Kerala, India represented by its Principal, Prof. Dr.K K John (hereinafter referred to as "SCAS) as the first party and St. Joseph's College(Autonomous), Devagiri, Kerala, India represented by its (Principal), Dr. Boby Jose

(here in after referred to as " SJC") as the second party.

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PURPOSE

Whereas

Saintgits College of Applied Sciences (SCAS) is an arts and science college and a Christian minority institution affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam owned and managed by Mar Gregorius Educational Society and approved by UGC under section 2(f). This college, established in 2004, aims at the holistic development of the youth with social concern. Its motto is to "Learn, Grow and Excel". It has maintained high standards in academics as well as extra-curricular activities ever since it launched. With a scientifically planned teaching methodology combined with some of the best and experienced faculty and state of the art infrastructure, the institution has set a bench mark in graduate and post graduate studies. In addition to the syllabus the institution always caters to the all-round growth of the youth and with this objective in mind, we offer value added programs. This institution well known for campus placement and ensures higher education in esteemed national and international Universities and Institutes.

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a) SCAS is desirous to associate with SJC on various areas as discussed in the purview of this MoU, which will be mutually beneficial to both organizations.

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- b) Established in 1956, SJC, affiliated to the University of Calicut has been imparting quality education for the last 66 years as one of the most prestigious Arts & Science Colleges in Malabar. True to its Motto, PRO DEO ET PATRIA (For God and Country) the institution works with commitment to create a just and humane society, upholding national integration and religious harmony, with special emphasis on the enrichment of the poor and the marginalized. As recognition of its endeavours and achievements in the neademic, cultural and social realms, NAAC had accredited the College with A Grade in 2004, and the institution was re-accredited with a CGPA of 3.63 on a four-point scale in 2011. The College was recognized as a "College with Potential for Excellence" by UGC in 2010 and was conferred autonomy in the year 2014. In 2016, the college was Re-accredited by NAAC as the first college to be awarded with A++ grade in the Country with a CGPA of 3.76 on a four-point scale. Maintaining an ideal ambience and striking a delicate balance between curricular and co-curricular activities, this institution has produced numerous luminaries in all walks of life.
- c) SJC is desirous to associate with SCAS on various areas as discussed in the purview of this MoU, which will be mutually beneficial to both organizations.

That, relying on the principle of good faith, by virtue of which they will carry out all the possible actions for their due fulfillment,

And relying also on their common bonds and concerns, they state their interest in strengthening their relationships through academic cooperation, and for this end they are of one accord in entering this MoU.

NOW THEREFORE THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESSES AS FOLLOWS

1. OBJECTIVE:

d) The parties agree that the objective of the present MoU is to establish a cooperation in order to collaborate towards academics, research and extra-curricular activities for the promotion and development of their respective areas of interest.

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2. METHOD FOR ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES:

 e) In order to achieve the aforementioned objectives, both parties, in mutual agreement, shall develop programs and projects that will specify the commitments each of them is to make for the performance of said programs.

3. AREAS OF CO-OPERATION:

- f) Whereas, SCAS and SJC recognize that the academic collaboration would be of mutual benefit and would provide strengths in research and education and their mutual interest in engaging themselves in academic cooperation. As per the purpose of the said agreement, the two parties shall:
 - Research Collaborations: Faculty / Researchers / Students of SCAS and SJC can collaborate in future research projects that either involve working cooperatively with partner institutions and / or cover a research topic with an international component. Activities include, but are not limited to, efforts toward developing proposals for collaborative research, coauthoring publication, conducting joint research projects, or establishing joint research centers etc.
 - Faculty Exchange with Partner Universities: Faculty members of SCAS ii. jointly to participate in activities that can enhance their and SJC international / national experience and knowledge and also to foster relations between the parties. Activities include, but are not limited to, delivering lectures, teaching a course, taking a sabbatical, acquiring skills for institutional governance and developing collaborative research etc.
 - Student Exchange with partner institution. Students can be given an iii. opportunity to travel among parties to participate in activities / events that will enhance their international / intercultural experience and knowledge.
 - Promotion of integrated studies for related studies: The parties can look īv. at integrating an international / intercultural dimension into their teaching, research, and service functions of the institution which would enable the students understanding on a global perspective.

Cooperate in the exchange of information relating to their activities in teaching and research in fields of mutual interests; sharing best practices adopted by each parties; sharing of e-content between the parties; access

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- vii. Intellectual property;
- Differences between the parties; viii.
- Development of the collaboration project; ix.
- Project and/or program to be carried out;
- Financial budget: ΧÜ.

II. CONFIDENTIALITY:

t) Each of the parties accepts and declares that every information from the other party is of a confidential nature, is the exclusive property of the latter and has been or will be disclosed to the former solely with the purpose of enabling the full accomplishment of the present agreement. For this reason, every piece of information provided by one party to the other before signing this agreement and/or during its performance must be kept confidential and therefore may not be disclosed to any third parties.

12. AMENDMENTS:

u) The parties may amend or amplify this Agreement through agreements in writing to that effect. Said amendments or additions will be binding on the signatories as of the date of their signature. The parties may not assign, in whole or in part, the performance of the present Mol1 to any third party, except through prior and express authorization in writing by both of them.

And since both parties are in agreement regarding the content of the present document, and as a token of conformity, we sign it in two counterparts, both of which will be considered originals.

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to library and repository services, if possible.

 Conduct cultural projects, study tours, as mutually agreed in writing between the parties prior to commencement of this activity.

4. FUNDING:

- g) Expenses for transportation, room and board and personal expenses of exchange students, teachers or officers shall be covered by each individual. Students will pay their registration, courses or professional practices at their home institution.
- h) Students, interns and officers shall be responsible for requesting and obtaining lodging by inquiring with the institution, which shall provide every help necessary for them to obtain safe, convenient lodging arrangements.
- i) Financial expenses for (term visits) internships of professors and researchers, which will be arranged at the parties' request, as well as travel expenses, shall be covered by the requesting institution. No amount will be paid to them at the host institution, as the assumption is that the Professors/ Researchers remain in their positions at their home institution, which will continue to pay their salaries.

5. NO EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP:

j) The parties agree that this agreement shall not be construed in any manner as establishing any kind of partnership or bond of a labor nature between them. Thus, in all activities stemming from the present MoU and from subsequent specific action plans, the parties are in the understanding that, in all cases, employment relationships shall remain in force between the employing institution and its respective personnel.

6. RIGHTS AND DUTIES:

- k) The host university / Institution is committed to counseling and supporting exchange students through advice on academic and administrative procedures, as well as to foster their integration, inviting and encouraging guest students to become involved in student life.
- The institutions shall act as facilitators, but they will have no obligation whatsoever in terms of the actions, behaviors or financial aspects of the students / participants involved in the exchange.
- m) The students / participants shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as regular students / Faculty, and shall observe the norms and rules of the Host University / Institution and in the host country. Any violation of the laws of the receiving country and / or the rules

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of the Host University / Institution by an exchange participant shall be grounds for the immediate termination of the privileges in the context of this agreement,

 The host institution agrees to assist to provide boarding, lodging and necessities and to provide work space, library and laboratory facilities as appropriate.

7. AUTONOMY:

 This agreement is a statement of intentions and does not involve, in any instance whatsoever, any financial obligations between the subscribing institutions.

8. TERM:

- p) This MOU shall be effective for a period of three (3) years from the date of execution of this agreement, and shall be automatically renewed thereafter for another three (3) years unless a written notice to terminate or amend this agreement is given to the other party six (6) months in advance.
- q) It is expressly agreed that neither party shall be liable for damages that they might cause each other as a result of a forceful suspension of a collaboration program. Causes for forceful suspension must be explicitly set forth in the action plans.

9. CONFLICT RESOLUTION:

r) Any dispute resulting from the interpretation or application of this agreement shall be settled through direct negotiation and common agreement by the persons delegated to such end by each institution. Either party may propose to the other, a modification of the agreement at any time in writing.

10. ACTION PLANS:

- s) Every work program or specific activity that is agreed upon between both institutions shall be defined through an action plan, which shall be under the responsibility of two individuals, appointed respectively by each institution, and which shall define the following aspects:
 - i. Foundations or considerations that warrant the plan for inter-institutional collaboration;
 - Objective of the action plan for inter-institutional collaboration; ii.
 - iii. General conditions of the plan;
 - Academic conditions of the plan; iv.
 - Administrative and organizational conditions of the plan: ٧.

Duration of the protocol; vi.

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