MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(Virginia Tech)
BLACKSBURG AND FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA, USA

AND

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF THESSALONIKI
THESSALONIKI, GREECE

The American College of Thessaloniki (ACT) and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) agree to renew and extend a memorandum of understanding signed on March 31, 2003 (see attached updated MOU).

This agreement is based on the general principle of reciprocity and expresses the interest of both parties in exchanging scholars, students, academic information and materials in the belief that the research and educational process at both the institutions will be enhanced and that mutual understanding between their respective scholars and students will be increased by the establishment of such exchange programs.

1. The universities agree to encourage the development of the following exchange programs based on their respective academic and educational needs:

   - Exchange of faculty
   - Exchange of students (undergraduate and/or graduate)
   - Joint supervision of M.S. and Ph.D. students
   - Exchange of academic information and materials
   - Exchange of periodicals and other publications
   - Organization of joint research programs
   - Organization of joint conferences
   - Organization of other academic exchanges agreeable to both universities
   - Provision of learning experiences at ACT’s campus for students of Virginia Tech wishing to study abroad for a period of one semester or one year (as stipulated in the attached MOU), and in addition for specially organized short term study travel during the summer or for an intensive of several weeks during the academic year.

2. The parties recognize that the implementation of any exchange program will depend upon the academic interests and expertise of individual faculty members and upon the availability of
financial resources. Accordingly, the implementation of each exchange program based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both universities.

3. This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature and to suggest the guidelines of the cooperation described above. Nothing therefore shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor will any constraints be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the agreement.

4. The agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both universities affix their signatures and seals, will be in force for a period of 3 years, and is subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement at any time, although is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other institution.

5. For Virginia Tech Dr. Marcie Boucouvalas and for The American College of Thessaloniki Dr. Archontis Pantikos shall serve as liaison officers for this agreement.

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4/27/06
Date

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Date

4/26/2006
Date
MEMORANDUM

TO: Gerald Berkley-Coats
FROM: Tracey Gallagher
SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding between Virginia Tech and The American College of Thessaloniki
DATE: March 22, 2006

My recommendation to the captioned matter is as follows:

_____ Approved as to form and execution* [Handwritten: change made]

X  Approved with recommended changes as noted below*

_____ Not approved for reasons indicated below

COMMENTS:

I have noted one change to section 4. Please attach the 2003 MOU before you send it around for signature.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments.

*The following should not be understood as an official opinion of the Attorney General nor construed as an endorsement of the terms/conditions of the referenced agreement. This review addresses only the legal authority of the Commonwealth to enter into this agreement and the enforceability of its terms; the wisdom of the agreement is by law addressed to the sound discretion of responsible officials of the institution/agency.