MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(Virginia Tech)
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

AND
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO
(AUC)
CAIRO, EGYPT

The American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, Virginia, USA agree to implement this memorandum of understanding effective when all signatures have been affixed.

This agreement is based on the 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

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 five 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. The liaison officers for this MOU shall be Dr. Ann M. Lesch, Associate Provost for International Programs for AUC and Dr. S.K. De Datta, Associate Vice President for International Affairs for Virginia Tech.

6. Detailed management of Intellectual Property Rights and Publication shall be defined in specific research agreements to be executed by the parties.

7. The parties shall attempt to settle amicably differing viewpoints and interpretations of the MOU by mutual consultation or negotiation.

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