MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE DUBLIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
(DIT)
AND
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND
STATE UNIVERSITY (VIRGINIA TECH)

This agreement is made and entered into by and between The Dublin Institute of Technology and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, Virginia, USA. It’s primary objective is to facilitate the development of cooperative and collaborative efforts between DIT and Virginia Tech which will enhance academic interchange. The parties hereto agree to explore the following possibilities:

PART I
Area of Collaboration

The area of collaboration includes research and education programs in the field of tourism and hospitality. Specific collaborative programs in the selected fields will be coordinated by DIT and Virginia Tech at the appropriate administrative level in each institution. Programs are subject to mutual consent, and will include those offered at either institution and proposed either as desirable, feasible, and contributory to the cooperative between the two institutions.

PART II
Basis for Collaboration

All research, education or other collaborative activities conducted pursuant to this agreement shall be conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations appropriate to each institution. In the case of Virginia Tech, these are the laws of the United States of America and of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In the case of the DIT, these are the laws of Ireland.

The designated liaison for DIT is Mr. Noel O’Connor, Head of the School of Hospitality Management and Tourism at DIT. The designated liaison for Virginia Tech is Dr. S.K. De Datta, Director of the Office of International Research and Development (OIRD) and Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Virginia Tech. Change in liaison designation may be accomplished by notifying the other institution.
PART III

Obligations

The obligations of DIT and Virginia Tech are:

1. To facilitate the exchange of scholarly publications in the fields of hospitality and tourism between both institutions.
2. To exchange information on potential research and education opportunities for interested students and faculty at both institutions.
3. To facilitate faculty exchanges according to mutual agreement and conditions to be coordinated at a later date.
4. To examine the possibility of summer courses or study abroad opportunities for students at both institutions.
5. To initiate proposals and agreements for mutual benefit and cooperation of both institutions.
6. To identify specific projects of collaboration through joint planning efforts and mutual agreement.
7. To individually seek funds from independent sources for projects which support collaborative programs between both institutions.
8. To jointly seek funds and submit unified funding proposals for projects which support collaborative programs between both institutions.

PART IV

Effective Date of Duration of Agreement

This agreement shall take effect when executed by both parties. It will remain in effect for a period of five years. Any amendment or modification of this agreement requires the written approval of the Presidents of the two institutions, and shall be appended thereto. After the initial five year period, this agreement may be renewed by mutual consent. Each party reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon six months written notice to the other.
In witness whereof, the responsible parties hereto offer their signatures.

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY (Virginia Tech)

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