Memorandum of Understanding

AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COLLABORATION AND EXCHANGE
(AACE)

between

HOCHSCHULE ZITTAU/GÖRLITZ - UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES
Th.-Körner-Allee 16, 02763 - Zittau, Federal Republic of Germany

and

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
Blacksburg, Virginia, 24061, U.S.A.

This agreement is made and entered into by and between University of Applied
Sciences - Hochschule Zittau/Görlitz (Zittau University), Zittau, Germany and
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg,
Virginia, U.S.A. Its primary objective is to facilitate the development of cooperative
and collaborative efforts between Zittau University and Virginia Tech that will
enhance academic interchange between the two institutions. The parties hereto
agree as follows:

PART I

Area of Collaboration

The area of collaboration includes, subject to mutual consent, any research and
education program offered at either institution and proposed by either as desirable,
feasible, and contributory to fostering and developing the cooperative relationship
between the two institutions.

Specific projects in an area of academic interest will be selected as a result of
coordination by Zittau University and Virginia Tech at the appropriate administrative
level in each institution.
PART II

Basis for Collaboration

All research, education and 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, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the rules and regulations of Virginia Tech. In the case of Zittau University, these are the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany, the State of Saxony, and the rules and regulations of Zittau University.

Designated liaison for Zittau University is Dr. Stefan Kohne, Director, Academic Exchange Office, Zittau University or his representative and for Virginia Tech is Dr. S.K. De Datta, Director, Office of International Research and Development. Change in liaison designation may be accomplished by notifying the other university.

PART III

Obligations

The obligations of Virginia Tech are:

1. To receive mutually agreed upon faculty and students of Zittau University to participate in specified research and educational activities and non-degree graduate and post-graduate activities that Virginia Tech offers. It is understood by both parties that those personnel of Zittau University who wish to be candidates for a degree or graduate credit must meet all admission requirements of the Graduate School of Virginia Tech. It is further understood that funds will be identified before each such exchange commences.

2. To render to the faculty and students of Zittau University participating in activities at Virginia Tech the necessary logistic support as available, including office space, library facilities, and other such resources as they may be available.
3. To assist in locating sources of funding for personnel of Zittau University when they are participating in joint activities with Virginia Tech.

4. To allow Virginia Tech specialists to come to Zittau University to offer courses, seminars, and training and conduct research, subject to availability of funds.

5. To exchange relevant research and educational material with Zittau University in the mutual interest of both parties.

The obligations of Zittau University are:

1. To accept mutually agreed upon faculty and students of Virginia Tech for joint participation in research and educational activities at Zittau University.

2. To render to the faculty and students of Virginia Tech participating in activities at Zittau University the necessary logistic support as available, including office space, library facilities, and other such resources as they may be available.

3. To assist in locating sources of funding for personnel of Virginia Tech when they are participating in joint activities with Zittau University.

4. To permit the mutually agreed upon travel of faculty and students from Zittau University to Virginia Tech, subject to availability of funds.

5. To exchange relevant research and educational material with Virginia Tech in the mutual interest of both parties.

PART IV

Effective Date and Duration of Agreement

This agreement shall take effect when executed by both parties. It will remain in effect for a period of six years, with a major review three years after its first signing. Any amendment and/or modification of this agreement requires the written approval of the Presidents of the two institutions, which shall be appended thereto. After the initial six 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 thereof, the responsible parties hereto offer their signatures.

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY (Virginia Tech)

S.K. De Datta, Director, Office of International Research and Development; and Associate Dean, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061-0334 USA

Date: 9/25/01

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Dr.-Ing. Stefan Kühne, Director
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Date: 05. OKT. 2001

Dr.-Ing. Dietmar Reichel, Rector
Hochschule Zittau/Görlitz – University of Applied Sciences (Zittau University), 02763, Zittau, Germany

Date: 05. OKT. 2001