MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(VA TECH)

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

AND

MZUZU UNIVERSITY, MZUZU, MALAWI

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) and Mzuzu University
wishing to develop cooperative relationships to strengthen programs in teaching,
research, and extension, to broaden the international experiences of faculty, staff, and
students, and to assist each other to play a more effective role in the economic
development of their respective communities and countries do hereby establish a
cooperative agreement for the period from 2000-2005.

Areas of Cooperation

Areas of cooperation shall include, subject to mutual consent, any program offered at
either institution and proposed by any of the institutions as desirable, feasible, and
contributory to the development of the cooperative relationship between the institutions.
Initially, program emphasis will be on Instructional Technology, Teacher Education and
Curriculum Development. It is anticipated that areas of collaboration will expand to
other disciplines while this Agreement is in effect.

Methods of Cooperation

The institutions encourage the following cooperative efforts.

- Exchange of scholars (professors, lecturers, researchers or curriculum development).
- Exchange of students (including both undergraduate and graduate students).
- Organization of joint research programs.
- Exchange of academic information and materials.
- Exchange of periodicals and other publications.
- Organization of joint conferences.
- Other academic exchanges to which all institutions agree.
- Develop internet network.
Available Resources

All parties to this agreement recognize that the extent of cooperation is ultimately limited by available faculty and student expertise and interest as well as by available financial resources. The institutions commit themselves to encourage professional staff and student participation in this cooperative effort and to support these efforts within the financial limits of each institution.

Duration of the Agreement

This agreement shall be in force for five years and is subject to revision, modification or extension by mutual agreement. It is also understood that any of the institutions may terminate this agreement upon six months written notice to the others.

This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to be a legally binding document. Rather, it is intended to describe the nature and cooperative intentions of those institutions involved and to suggest guidelines for cooperation. Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor may any constraints be imposed by either upon the other.

President,
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, Virginia

Vice Chancellor,
Mzuzu University
Mzuzu, Malawi

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Date

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June 2, 2000
Date

July 20, 2000