MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF KYRGYZSTAN

AND

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

International University of Kyrgyzstan (hereafter referred to as IUK) and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (hereafter referred to as Virginia Tech), do hereby announce their mutual desire and commitment to establish this Memorandum of Understanding. The IUK and Virginia Tech believe that the cooperation within the frames of this MoU will be intended to further the academic objectives of each institution and to promote better understanding between the faculty and students of the IUK and Virginia Tech.

I. IUK and Virginia Tech agree to cooperate as follows:

A. To promote common interests in the educational activities of the IUK and Virginia Tech;

B. To collaborate as partners in the development of mutually beneficial projects and activities that may include the following:

- Faculty and administrative staff exchange;
- Participation in seminars and academic meetings;
- Exchange of academic materials and other information;
- Special short-term academic programs;
- Exchange of Administrative Managers/Coordinators;
- Methodical assistance/consulting assistance/literature;
- Organization of training for administrators, managers, teachers, scientific employees on the appropriate departments, chairs and other structural divisions of two Higher Educational Establishments and 3rd sides (organizations);
- Sending of qualified lecturers for reading lectures and realization of methodological consultations on jointly developed programs;
- Participation jointly in development and performance of the grant-programs and projects in educational and scientific fields;
- Exchange of educational materials and books;
- Joint research projects and research exchanges;
- Organization and holding the conferences, seminars and symposiums in the frameworks of joint activities;
• Preparation and publishing of materials in the frameworks of joint activities;
• Promotion of the international educational and scientific cooperation.

C. To participate as partners, on mutually agreeable terms, in binding on internationally financed projects requiring the professional and scientific expertise of two institutions.

The terms of such mutual assistance and necessary budget for each specific program and activity that is implemented under the terms of this MoU shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular program or activity and the terms of such program shall be negotiated on an annual basis. Each university will designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programs.

II. The areas of cooperation include, subject to mutual consent, any program offered at either university as felt desirable and feasible on either side and both sides feel contributes to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationship between the two universities.

III. The assistance to be provided by each of the contracting parties will be teaching, research, exchange of faculty and students, and staff development, etc. As deemed beneficial by the two institutions.

IV. That this MoU will be in effect for a period of five years and is subject to revision or modification by mutual agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement upon one year’s notice. It is assumed that such action would be taken only after mutual consultation in order to minimize potential inconvenience to the other party to the agreement.

V. Both parties understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds.

VI. This MoU will be executed in both Russian and English languages, and both will be considered as originals.

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