MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND
STATE UNIVERSITY
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

AND

Oficina del Historiador de La Ciudad de La Habana
(Office of the Historian of the City of Havana)
Habana Vieja, Ciudad La Habana, República de Cuba

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (hereafter referred to as Virginia Tech), represented by its President, and the Office of the Historian of the City of Havana, represented by Eusebio Leal Spengler, have agreed to the following terms:

1. That this MOU is intended to facilitate all exchanges and cooperative initiatives between the institutions in the area of instruction, exchange, development, research, and community service.

2. That the parties recognize that implementation of any agreement will depend upon the interest and expertise of individual faculty and staff members and upon the availability of financial resources.

3. A variety of cooperative approaches shall be employed, such as:
   - Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students
   - Exchange of faculty and staff members
   - Exchange of research personnel
   - Technological assistance and/or training
   - Exchange of scholarly and pedagogical materials
   - Joint Research
   Other cooperative efforts set forth in separate Implementing Agreements. (IA)

4. That the initial focus of this linkage agreement will be upon the historic preservation of the UNESCO-declared World Heritage Site, Habana Vieja (Old Havana).

5. That financial and/or funding considerations shall become the subject of specific discussion and agreement within the framework of a separate Implementing Agreement negotiated at the College/Departmental level. No financial commitment whatever on the part of either signatory to this general document is intended or implied.
6. That specific projects to which this MOU may lead will be subject to joint and periodic evaluations by appropriate authorities within the respective universities.

7. 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.

8. That such Memoranda of Understanding are not intended to be legally binding documents. Rather, they are meant to describe the general 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.

9. Professor Joseph L. Scarpaci, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, 102 Architecture Annex, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061 (Telephone: 540/231-7504 and FAX 540/231-3367; electronic mail: scarpaci@vt.edu) will serve as the principal contact for Virginia Tech because of his extensive contact with Cuban professionals; and, architect and Professor Orestes del Castillo, will serve as a liaison with the Eusebio Leal Spengler, for the Oficina del Historiador de La Ciudad de La Habana (Office of the Historian of the City of Havana).

[Signatures and dates]

Charles W. Steger, President Virginia Tech

City Historian of Havana
Eusebio Leal Spengler