A COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITE DE TECHNOLOGIE DE COMPIEGNE

AND

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, hereinafter referred to as Virginia Tech, and the Université de Technologie de COMPIEGNE, hereinafter referred to as UTC, enter into an agreement to foster international cooperation in the areas of research and teaching.

The terms of the agreement are as follows:

1. Faculty Exchange

   According to their needs and opportunities, the two institutions will seek to promote the exchange of faculty and research staff.

2. Student Exchange

   1. Students will be exchanged at a rate based upon equivalent student hours required to complete individual students' projected course of study.

   2. Annually, the institutions will mutually agree on the number of students to be exchanged.

   3. Tuition for participants in the program will be assessed by and paid to the student's home institution.

   4. All admissions decisions will be made by the student's home institution, subject to the terms of this Agreement.

   5. Virginia Tech will admit to its Graduate School UTC students who are entering the fifth year of a five-year diploma program. UTC will choose those students from among top diploma candidates who have essentially completed their degree requirements. Complete dossiers for these students, including GRE and TOEFL scores, will be forwarded to Virginia Tech. UTC will provide a cover letter identifying those students as participants in this Agreement. Further letters of recommendation will not be necessary. Reasonable efforts will be made by Virginia Tech to provide assistantships for these students; however, assistantships will not be guaranteed.

   6. UTC will accept students from Virginia Tech to take courses in the department of their choice for two semesters. Alternatively, students will have the option of spending the second semester in French industry as part of their Co-op experience. Virginia Tech will attempt to select third-year students who are on the Dean's List and who have had the equivalent of two years of college-level French for participation in the program. Virginia Tech students will have the same rights as regularly enrolled UTC students, including access to French social security. The student restaurant and dormitories will also be available to them.

   7. Students who participate will be responsible for obtaining adequate health insurance which covers them while abroad.

   In addition, students who participate will be responsible for all living and travel expenses.
8. The two institutions will facilitate the implementation of this program and encourage their departments to participate in the exchange encompassed by the Agreement.

III. Recognition of Credits

The host university will release results of student performance to the other institution. Each institution will establish its own system to award corresponding credits.

IV. Implementation and Renewal of the Agreement

This agreement shall be subject to approval by the appropriate authorities and shall become effective upon the signature of the individuals listed below.

The agreement may be terminated at any time by either institution upon 30 days advanced written notification. For the convenience of the parties, this Agreement has been written in English.

[Signature]
President
Virginia Tech

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Président
Université de Compiegne

DATE: 8-18-66

DATE: 30/01/66