

Memorandum of Understanding

Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC)

And

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

In order to advance friendly relations between the United States and Greece and in the pursuit of excellence in scholarship for the purpose of advancing and disseminating knowledge, Southern Illinois University and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki sign this Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen mutual understanding, foster friendly cooperation and promote academic excellence, collaboration, and exchange in all fields of academic endeavor.

Both parties agree on the following general forms of cooperation:

- a. Engage in joint research and educational activities
- b. Promote international experience through exchange of faculty for research, lectures, and discussions.
- c. Encourage the exchange of graduate and undergraduate students for learning, research, and internship.
- d. Organize joint conferences, symposia, and seminars.
- e. Link website onto the partner university's website to enhance information exchange.

Both institutions agree to appoint one representative to the Planning and Assessment Team in order to undertake the following responsibilities:

- a. Serve as liaison and maintain communication and accountability for this Agreement.
- b. Initiate an annual Action Plan to undertake tangible activities within this Agreement, including:
 1. The location of implementation and the participants.
 2. The duration of execution of the suggested activity.
 3. A financial plan, detailing the financial resources necessary for implementation.
- c. Monitor progress and report on the outcome and evaluate the success of these activities in an annual evaluation.
- d. Determine new courses of action to sustain and strengthen the institutional relationship.

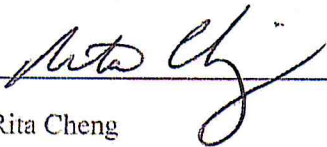
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The present agreement shall be effective for a period of five years and will need to be renewed after review and renegotiation by both universities. This agreement may, at any time during its period of validity, be terminated by either party upon written notification six months prior to termination.

In witness of the terms of this agreement our signatures are affixed:


Dr. Rita Cheng

Chancellor

Southern Illinois University Carbondale




Dr. Yannis Mylopoulos

Rector

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Carbondale, _____

Thessaloniki, 18 September, 2012