BUSKERUD
University College

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the

BUSKERUD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

and the

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Buskerud University College and the University of Rhode Island, recognising the educational and cultural benefits which can be achieved by interaction between our two institutions, enter into this agreement to facilitate the mobility of students and teachers.

1. Definitions

i) For the purposes of this agreement "home" institution shall mean the institution at which a student intends to graduate, and "host" institution shall mean the institution which has agreed to accept the student from the home institution, for the length of their study abroad experience. As far as teachers and staff are concerned, their home institution refers to their workplace, whereas their host institution refers to the institution in which they undertake temporary training or teaching.

ii) Semester or academic year shall normally refer to the period relevant to the host institution.

2. Academic Responsibilities

i) Students from Buskerud University College will be able to apply for Study Abroad/Exchange for one or two semesters at the University of Rhode Island through the International Offices of both institutions. Buskerud University College agrees to accept and enrol students from a recognised university partner as full-time, "non-award" students for the duration of their study (one or two semesters). Each student will be provided with the same academic resources and support services that are available to all students at the host institution.

ii) Students may enrol in any pre-approved subjects, subject to normal selection and pre-requisite criteria. Any practical experience at host institution must be recognised as part of the study program at the home institution.
iii) It is the responsibility of each student to obtain official approval from their home institution for subjects/practice taken at the host institution.

iv) The partner institutions will provide transcripts at the completion of each student's semester of study.

v) Students from Buskerud University College will be subject to the rules and procedures as specified by the University of Rhode Island for the academic period in which they are enrolled. Students from the University of Rhode Island will likewise be subject to the rules and procedures as specified by Buskerud University College.

vi) Teachers will communicate through the International Office for their exchanges and engage in direct communication as far as content and timeframe for exchange is concerned. Reports will be submitted at the end regarding outcome and results for all parties involved.

3. Accommodation

The University of Rhode Island will provide assistance in finding suitable accommodation for Buskerud University College students and teachers, likewise Buskerud University College will provide assistance in finding accommodation for students and teachers from the University of Rhode Island in close proximity to campus.

4. Finance

Norwegian students to the University of Rhode Island will receive funding for their stay from the Norwegian government body, the State Educational Loan Fund. Students from the University of Rhode Island will organise funding through home institution, government body or privately. Teachers will be funded by their home institution.

5. Program Management & Review

Buskerud University College will nominate a Head of International Programmes to liaise with the University of Rhode Island on all program arrangements and to act as the major contact point for students and teachers.

Both institutions will be responsible for a regular review of the program on an annual basis. The review is essential in order to make appropriate and mutually agreed modifications as may be required, and to identify any new opportunities for further cooperation.

6. Period of Agreement

This Agreement will come into effect from the date of signature by both parties, and will remain in force until terminated by either party provided six months written notice is given to the other party.

7. Equal Opportunity

Both institutions subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, marital status, ethnicity, religion, national origin, handicap or sexual orientation.
8. Liaison.

Each party shall designate a person or office to serve as liaison for implementing this agreement.

9. Signatures

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