MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between the
University of Rhode Island
and the
Universidade dos Açores

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is signed between the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island, USA, here represented by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Donald H. DeHayes, and the Universidade dos Açores, Açores, Portugal, here represented by the Rector, João Luís Baptista Roque Gaspar.

Purpose

Both institutions wish to establish cooperative relations, especially to develop academic and cultural interchange in education, research, and other areas, under the terms and provisions established in this MOU.

Area of Cooperation

The area of cooperation includes any program or activity in which the two institutions believe cooperation is feasible and desirable and which would contribute to fostering and developing a mutually beneficial relationship between the two universities, such as:

a) Exchange of faculty members
b) Exchange of students on the baccalaureate and/or graduate level
c) Joint research activities
d) Participation academic and scientific meetings
e) Exchange of academic materials and other information
f) Organizing special short-term academic programs
g) Staff development projects

Methods

1. Each program or activity shall be negotiated on an annual basis.

2. Each program or activity is subject to the approval of the President/Rector or other relevant Officer indicated by them.

3. The terms of such activities and the budget required for them shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing and signed by both parties prior to the initiation of any specific program or activity.

4. Each university will designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities and programs.

5. Any amendment and/or modification to this agreement require written approval of the President/Rector or Chief Academic Officer of each institution and shall be appended hereto.
Funding

1. The development of each program or activity is subject to the availability of funding.

2. The Liaison Officer designated by each University should seek for funds from extramural sources if available.

Term and termination

1. This MOU is made and entered into on the day of the final signature and will remain in force for a period of five years.

2. After the initial five-year period, by mutual consent, this agreement may be renewed for equal period or other duration.

3. Either party reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon six (6) months prior written notice to the other, without prejudice to ongoing activities.

A Universidade dos Açores

João Luís Roque Baptista Gaspar
Rector

18/01/2016
(Date)

The University of Rhode Island

Donald H. DeHayes
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

1/18/2016
(Date)