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PREAMBLE

The “Università Politecnica delle Marche” (acting by and through its Rector) and the University of Rhode Island (acting by and through its Provost), being willing to reinforce their academic relationship and to establish new co-operative elements of their relationship, hereby agree to the terms and provisions described in this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU” or “Agreement”), made and entered into on the day of the final signature below:

Article 1

The present agreement has been designed to facilitate University co-operation in both academic and research fields during the three cycles of higher education (e.g., Bachelor, Master and PhD) in common areas.

Article 2

Subject to mutual consent, the areas of cooperation includes academic and research programs offered or conducted at either university in which the two institutions believe cooperation is feasible and desirable (“designated programs”) and which would contribute to fostering and developing a mutually beneficial relationship between the parties. These programs shall be identified and agreed to by the parties and shall be referred to herein as “designated programs”. With respect to such designated programs, the parties agree to endeavor, to the full extent practicable and permissible, and consistent with all applicable laws and institutional policies, to do the following:

a. Share their lists of academic programs they offer to their students (seminars, courses, etc.);

b. Inform the other party about the conferences, symposia, workshops, congresses, debates, and scientific meetings (collectively “professional meetings”) in any of the designated areas that are organized by each University and are open to professional audiences outside the university, or open to the public, and provide the other university, upon request, with copies of materials and documents (agenda, abstracts, speaker bios, papers) made available to participants in those professional meetings;

c. Foster, to the extent permitted by the laws and policies applicable to each university, the participation of the teaching staff of the partner University in courses, meetings, seminars, symposiums and conferences in the designated programs;
d. Foster to the extend feasible and practicable, and in a manner consistent with all applicable legal and policy requirements and constraints, the exchange of lecturers in designated programs for a fixed period of time. The exchanges will be regulated by more specific agreements between the universities, and their respective departments involved in the exchanges.

e. Foster the exchange of students (hereinafter “mobility students”) in designated programs, with such exchanges arranged and implemented in full accordance with all applicable laws (including applicable immigration laws), treaties, regulations and university policies, and under exchange agreements which include reasonable terms and conditions for the exchanges, including terms relating to liability, indemnification, and insurance.

Article 3

Mobility students, and visiting researchers and professors from both schools, will be required to obtain Medical insurance in accordance with requirements of the host institution and country, including as required by the medical insurance regulations mandated by the United States Affordable Care Act (when in the US) and/or the Italian National Health Care Service (when in Italy).

Article 4

a. The specific terms of any cooperative activities under this MOU, 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. Each program or activity shall be negotiated on an annual basis. Each university will designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities and programs.

b. A list of the specific co-operative activities in designated programs agreed to by the parties shall be drawn up annually.

Article 5

a. With respect to each specific cooperative activity agreed to by the parties, each institution will designate its own representative. The representatives from each institution will cooperate to specify, establish and implement the details of the particular activity, including funding arrangements for the activity. They will also be expected to establish goals, objectives, and expected outcomes, for the activity, and to work cooperatively to help ensure and verify the achievement of those goals, objectives and outcomes.

b. The representatives shall draw up the annual work calendar and deal with unsettled questions. If and to the extent they need to meet in person, they shall meet alternatively at both institutions unless otherwise stated.
Article 6

a. This agreement will remain in force for a period of one year subject to the availability of funds to support projects from the date of execution. The agreement shall be automatically renewed for additional one-year periods, unless one of the parties provides written notice to the other party of intention not to renew prior to the expiration date of the agreement.

b. Any amendment and/or modification of this agreement requires the written agreement of both institutions.

c. The agreement may be terminated by either party at any time, for any reason, upon six months written notice to the other party.

Article 7

The agreement shall be executed by an authorized signatory of each institution who has authority to bind the university to the terms of the agreement. The agreement shall come into effect once signed by the parties. Two originals of the agreement shall be signed by the parties, with each keeping one original for their records.

SIGNATURES

Università Politecnica delle Marche
Professor Longhi Sauro
Rector

Date

University of Rhode Island
Donald H. DeHayes
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Date 12-11-2015