



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN KARUNYA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCES (INDIA) AND NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY (USA)

PREAMBLE

The goal of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to expand scholarly ties and facilitate academic cooperation between Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences (KITS) and the Northwest University (NU). Henceforth the institution accepting students will be referred to as Host Institution. The institution sending exchange students will be referred to as the Home Institution.

1. VISITING ACADEMIC STAFF

Either institution may invite faculty members of the other institution for the purpose of lecturing or consultation for a specified period of time, subject to the approval of the Host Institution. The period of exchange will normally be one or two semesters. The Host Institution will provide institutional courtesies, reasonable office space, library and research facilities and an appropriate appointment. The Home Institution will maintain its academic staff on full salary and related benefits during the period of exchange.

Visiting staff shall be required to comply with the applicable rules and regulations of the Host Institution. However, unless agreed specifically in writing, visiting staff will not be considered employee of the Host Institution.

2. VISITING STUDENTS

Each institution may send students to the other institution in appropriate fields of study in order to participate in study or research programs. These programs will follow the educational system and regulations of the Host Institution. The students shall be required to comply with the applicable rules and regulations of the Host Institution.

3. CO-OPERATIVE RESEARCH

Co-operative research is to be encouraged as individual scholars or departments establish contact and develop mutual interests. The terms and conditions of any such agreement, including financial and intellectual property issues, will be determined in a separate agreement which will form an appendix to this MOU.

4. CO-ORDINATION OF THE EXCHANGE

Each institution shall designate a Liaison Officer to develop and co-ordinate the specific activities agreed



upon, under this MOU. The liaison office for the NU will be the Director of International Education. The liaison office for Karunya Institute of Technology and Science will be Head, International Affairs.

5. NO AGENCY OR EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Nothing in this MOU shall be interpreted as creating a relationship of agency or of employer-employee between the parties, their employees or representatives.

6. TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

This agreement for cooperation becomes effective on the date of execution. The parties agree that this MOU is not a binding contract, but it is meant to express the desire of the parties to act in good faith to accomplish the activities listed herein. It may be amended by written agreement signed by both parties. The agreement may be terminated by either party at any time for any reason by a written notice given three months in advance.

Signed on behalf of

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