

MEMORANDUM OF INTENT FOR ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

BETWEEN

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

AND

SATHYABAMA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

With a mutual desire to promote educational and academic collaboration between Fort Hays State University (hereinafter referred to as "FHSU"), 600 Park Street, Hays, Kansas, USA, and Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as "SIST"), Jeppiaar Nagar, Rajiv Gandhi Road, Chennai, 600 119. The parties agree to enter into this Memorandum of Intent for Academic Collaboration on the ____ day of March, 2020.

This Memorandum of Intent has been developed and signed to reflect mutual outcomes of the institutions. Details of each initiative will be further developed into separate Memorandum of Understanding signed by the University presidents or other authorized individuals.

FHSU is a regionally accredited university serving approximately 16,000 students, with 4,500 students on campus, 7,000 online, and 4,500 taking classes in the People's Republic of China. FHSU has five academic colleges and is eager to expand its mission for globalization. FHSU's tuition for undergraduate and graduate students is among the most affordable in the United States. FHSU is ranked in the top 10% of all universities in the Midwest of the United States. FHSU's robust online initiative receives ranking in the top 10 in the nation. FHSU is regionally accredited by the prestigious Higher Learning Commission in the United States. More information can be found at <https://www.fhsu.edu>.

Founded in 1987, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology's progress and contributions to the field of technical education has resulted in the institution being granted Deemed University status in 2001. SIST was awarded Category "A" by the Ministry of Human Resources Development of India and accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in India in 2017. SIST offers bachelor's degrees in commerce, business administration, computer science, bio informatics and data science, nursing and other business- and computer-related areas, along with a variety of post-graduate programs. More information can be found at <http://www.sathyabama.ac.in>.

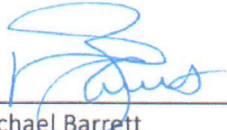
The terms of this Memorandum of Intent are:

- I. The intended academic collaborations shall be developed within the framework of this Memorandum based on the principles of equality and mutual benefits.
- II. Possible collaborations to be more fully developed through separate Memoranda of Understanding are:
 - a. Student study abroad for short-term, semester-long or year-long study at the undergraduate or graduate level or for English as a Second Language (ESL). Articulated degree plans will be accomplished in separate Memorandum of Understanding;
 - b. Exchange of students based on an equitable exchange;
 - c. Faculty-led student study abroad for short term academic and cultural knowledge;
 - d. Faculty exchange for the purposes of lecturing, participation in symposia, research collaboration, cultural awareness, sharing of teaching methodologies and possible

development of joint courses or degree programs. FHSU will accept MSKU faculty during its Spring semesters;

- e. Cross-border, twinning articulation agreements whereby FHSU sends faculty to teach and live in the partner's country to offer courses leading to undergraduate or graduate degrees without requiring students to study abroad. FHSU has successful cross-border dual bachelor's degree programs in the People's Republic of China. FHSU is eager to share this experience with universities in other countries;
 - f. Online education. FHSU has a robust distance learning program and offers hundreds of courses online at the undergraduate and graduate level leading to degrees. Its program is nationally recognized for its high quality student services. Opportunities for offering online or hybrid courses are possible;
 - g. Exchange of curriculum, teaching and research information;
 - h. Jointly organized academic conferences;
 - i. Joint publication of monographs and journals on subjects agreeable to both parties; and
 - j. Compiling teaching materials and resources.
- III. Both institutions will name an officer as coordinator responsible for the fulfillment of this Memorandum of Intent and the subsequent detailed Memoranda of Understanding.
- IV. Specific details for the implementation of related activities will be developed by both parties together according to specific projects as identified above and developed into separate Memoranda of Understanding which will be signed by appropriate individuals responsible for the Agreements. Both parties understand that all financial arrangements and other necessary details will be agreed to and written in forthcoming Memoranda of Understanding for each collaborative project.
- V. This Memorandum of Intent is in effect for a term of three (3) years, beginning on the date the last signature is affixed as needed for full execution. The parties may mutually agree to renew this Memorandum of Intent at the end of its initial term.
- VI. Any change of affairs not stated in this Memorandum of Intent shall be covered by written supplemental memoranda or agreements reached between both parties through negotiation.
- VII. This Memorandum of Intent may be terminated at any time under the mutual consent of both parties or through a written notification by either party with thirty (30) days' notice.
- VIII. This Memorandum of Intent is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature of and suggested guidelines for possible future collaborations. Specific details for the implementation of activities pursuant to this Memorandum of Intent will be developed by both parties. The documents containing such details will be mutually agreed and signed by both parties.
- IX. This Memorandum of Intent is written in English. And other translated version of this Memorandum which is also signed by appropriate individuals representing the parties will have the same effect. Each party shall keep the two versions for reference.

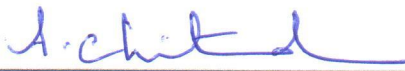
SIGNED FOR ON BEHALF OF FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY BY:



Michael Barrett
Vice President for Administration and Finance

3/20/20
Date

SIGNED FOR ON BEHALF OF SATHYABAMA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BY:



A. Chitra Devi
Centre for Academic Partnership and International Relations

15.06.2020
Date

Approved as to Form
Fort Hays State University
General Counsel

3/20/20
