Memorandum of Understanding

Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC)

And

Cape Breton University (CBU)

In order to advance friendly relations between the United States and Canada and in the pursuit of excellence in scholarship for the purpose of advancing and disseminating knowledge, Southern Illinois University and Cape Breton University sign this Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen mutual understanding, foster friendly cooperation and promote academic excellence, collaboration, and exchange in all fields of academic endeavor.

Both parties agree on the following general forms of cooperation:

a. Visits and informal exchanges of faculty, scholars and administrators in specific areas of education, research and outreach.
b. Explore ways to cooperate in postgraduate education and training.
c. Organize joint conferences, symposia, or other scientific meetings on subjects of mutual interest.
d. Exchange of academic information and materials.
e. Pursue avenues for undergraduate student exchange and graduate and professional student exchange during the academic year or summer terms.
f. Explore the possibilities for developing joint research programs and collaborations.
g. Other exchange and cooperation programs to which both parties agree.

Both institutions agree to appoint one or more representatives to the Planning and Assessment Team in order to undertake the following responsibilities:

a. Serve as liaison and maintain communication and accountability for this Agreement.
b. Initiate an annual Action Plan to undertake tangible activities within this Agreement, including:
   1. The location of implementation and the participants.
   2. The duration of execution of the suggested activity.
   3. A financial plan, detailing the financial resources necessary for implementation.
c. Monitor progress and report on the outcome and evaluate the success of these activities in an annual evaluation.
d. Determine new courses of action to sustain and strengthen the institutional relationship.
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The present agreement shall be effective for a period of five years and will need to be renewed after review and renegotiation by both universities. This agreement may, at any time during its period of validity, be terminated by either party upon written notification six months prior to termination. Such termination shall not absolve either institution of any contractual obligation(s) that may be in effect through one or more collaborative projects undertaken as a result of this agreement.

This MOU is not intended to, and does not create any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity, by either party, its officers, employees, or agents against the other party, its officers, employees, or agents.

Nothing in this MOU obligates either party to commit or transfer any funds, assets, or other resources in support of projects or activities between the two parties.

Neither party can represent itself as the other or use their partner’s logo, or promote any mutual programs in any language without prior written approval of the copy, collateral materials and web presence or web linkages by partner officials. Failure to do so may serve as a breach of this agreement.

The two parties recognize that the implementation of any agreed upon activity will depend upon the interests and expertise of the individuals involved and the availability of financial resources, space and other resources. Both parties will be compliant with all applicable laws and regulations and University policies.
In witness of the terms of this agreement our signatures are affixed:

The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois
University Governing Southern Illinois
University Carbondale

[Signature]
Dr. Rita Cheng
Chancellor
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Date: 11/27/12

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Chancellor
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Date: 12/31/12

H. John Harker, LL.D.
President & Vice-Chancellor
SUMMARY OF RECENT COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES AND IMMEDIATE NEXT STEPS, AS OF JANUARY 2012.

The August 2011/CBU/SIU collaboration, which also brought to Cape Breton graduate students from other universities, led to important immediate outcomes for specific housing projects in Cape Breton as well as creating the potential for longer-term, applied-research work:

- Building on the results of an earlier CBU-hosted student design competition, a set of detailed architectural plans were developed by Southern Illinois University Carbondale faculty, with the assistance of United States and Canadian graduate students, for renovating a vacant, heritage-designated company house donated by a CBU faculty member to Habitat for Humanity Nova Scotia. Faculty and students from both universities developed plans for another acquired historic property, in partnership with the Sydney Architectural Conservation Society.
- A problem-solving exercise resulted in tools, resources, and draft public policies to make housing revitalization easier for organizations and modest income private owners.
- An architectural drawing for disabled persons’ access to a community hall in the multicultural community of Whitney Pier was provided by Portland state University graduate students (SIU alumni who were party of the SIU delegation) to assist CBU faculty and staff who are advising the hall board on sustainability and strategic-planning issues.
- One of the visiting faculty members from Southern Illinois University, Dr. Jon Davey, delivered his acclaimed “Kid Architecture” workshop in North Sydney to youth participants associated with Island Community Justice’s Youth Inclusion Program (YIP). This workshop served as a basis for discussion with CBU faculty about developing a similar program in the region.
- Meetings were held with professional staff at the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site of Canada to explore architectural forms and craftsmanship, and the application of future application of traditional skills and crafts to affordable housing projects in the region. The Fortress of Louisbourg is part of the same family of installations as Fort de Chartes in Illinois, and Dr. Jon Davey brought a rare architectural text whose author had influenced the architectural design of both sites. The text has never been translated into English and consequently may become a joint publication between the CBU and SIU presses.
- A case study of the U.S.-Canadian collaborative service-learning experience is being prepared by eight of the CBU and SIU participants for a journal publication.
- The architectural drawings and other research for the municipally designated heritage company house in Glace Bay will be resources for a chapter in an edited book, Company Houses, Company Towns: Heritage Conservation in Canadian Post-Industrial Communities (edited by Dr. Tom Urbaniak and Dr. Andrew Molloy). CBU Press will be publishing this edited collection in 2013.

As a follow-up to the August 2011 collaboration, Dr. Tom Urbaniak and Dr. Andrew Molloy have been invited to visit SIU to work with local community organizations and governments in their affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization projects. Their expertise in policy development and policy-building capacity would complement SIU’s existing strengths and allow for the local affordable housing and heritage conservation
initiatives to be understood in a broader context. Dr. Molloy and Dr. Urbaniak have experience as facilitators and advisors on the restructuring of local governments, agencies, and non-profit organizations, in strategic planning, in community economic development, in providing training on running effective meetings, and in the establishment of new management and oversight structures. They will approach their work with sensitivity and respect for local cultures and traditions.