MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE (SIUC)

And

UNIVERSIDAD EUROPEA DE MADRID (UEM)
MADRID, SPAIN

Representatives of Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC), Carbondale, USA and Universidad Europea de Madrid (UEM), Madrid, Spain, have held a series of discussions to strengthen the bonds between these two academic communities and in the process, contribute to greater understanding and communication between two cultures.

SIUC, a public institution of the State of Illinois and UEM, a private institution in Spain, believe that it is in their mutual interest to establish a general framework of cooperation that will enable them to fulfill their general objectives by making the most of the resources at their disposal, in which respect they have reached this Agreement, subject to the following:

In order to promote international experience through educational and academic exchanges between the two universities, both institutions will make every reasonable effort to encourage direct contact and joint research cooperation between their faculty members, departments and research institutes.

In the interest of gaining international experience for students and faculty for both institutions, the universities hereby agree on the following general forms of cooperation:

1. Engage in joint research, educational, consultation, and training activities.
2. Promote international experience through exchange of faculty for research, lectures, and discussions.
3. Encourage the exchange of graduate and undergraduate students for learning, research, and internship.
4. Organize joint conferences, symposia, training, and seminars.
5. Link website onto the partner university’s website to enhance information exchange.

Both universities understand that all the financial arrangements should be negotiated and will depend upon the availability of funds. This memorandum of understanding does not affirmatively impose any financial commitments or obligations from either institution onto the other.

Both institutions agree to appoint at least two (2) representatives to undertake the following responsibilities:

1. Serve as liaison and maintain communication and accountability for this Agreement.
2. Initiate an Action Plan to undertake tangible activities within this Agreement.
3. Monitor progress and report on the outcome of these activities.
4. Determine new courses of action to sustain and strengthen the institutional relationship.

SIUC will be represented by:
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This Agreement will commence on the signing date and continue for five years, subject to revision by mutual agreement. The possibility and the terms of a renewal of the agreement will be discussed by the representatives of the two universities no less than six months prior to the termination of the Agreement. The Agreement may be terminated by either of the parties, provided that the other party is notified at least six months before the proposed date of termination. Should any specific agreement established by the Action Plan be in force when this Agreement is terminated, said specific agreements shall remain in force until completed.
The parties reserve all rights concerning their brands and trademarks and, in general, all industrial and intellectual property rights. Nevertheless, in all publicity linked to any of the activities organized in accordance with this Agreement, both parties shall have the right to use the other's names or distinguishing marks, provided that the prior agreement is secured.

The provision of personal details in this Agreement, as well as any other information the parties may furnish throughout the course of their cooperative dealings shall, in all cases, comply with the existing legislation of each country regarding personal data protection.

In witness of the terms of this agreement our signatures are affixed:

Dr. Rita Cheng
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Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Mrs. Agueda Benito Capa
Rector
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Date: September 21, 2011