Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The Board of Trustees of
Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIU)

And

Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU)

1. Representatives of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India, and Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois, USA, have held a series of discussions pertaining to the desirability and feasibility of a University to University relationship designed to strengthen the bonds between the two academic communities and, in the process, contribute to greater understanding and communication between two cultures and consequently contributing to academic synergies of both institutions. The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, for and on behalf of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois, USA, hereinafter SIU and Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad, of Hyderabad, India hereinafter JNTU, do now hereby wish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding as follows:

2. In recognition of the fact that meaningful programs of the type envisioned in this Memorandum of Understanding require constant planning and attention, each Participating Entity will appoint a representative to serve as a Planning Committee. The Planning Committee will concern itself with the following functions:
   a. The maintenance of communication on the ways and means by which such a relationship can be most fruitful for all concerned;
   b. The preparation of a recommended course of action for the consideration of officials of the participating entities by August 1 of each year. This plan should cover the proposed activities for the succeeding 12 month period, including details on the recommended number of faculty, staff, and students to be exchanged and the proposed methods of meeting financial needs; and
   c. The exploration of joint research, creative and other scholarly projects and the means to support them.

3. As a part of this agreement, SIU invites persons officially affiliated with JNTU to apply for admission to SIU as either Study Abroad short term students or Degree Seeking students.

4. Applicants must meet all admission requirements for the program into which they are applying and the semester for which they are applying. These requirements are itemized in the University Catalogs, Undergraduate and Graduate, which are available online. Certain programs at both the undergraduate
and graduate levels have either a limited number of seats available, and/or higher minimum requirements, thus simply meeting the minimum requirements for university admission will not guarantee admission to those programs. If a student meets minimum requirements, but is not admitted to a particular program, he or she is invited to apply again to a different program for which he or she meets requirements.

5. At the time that this agreement is signed, limitations on the number of admitted students who can be accepted into the new Partner Affiliated Student status are not foreseen, however, the program will be monitored carefully for the University’s ability to serve all of the students it admits while maintaining global diversity, thus, a limit on students from PI may be implemented by SIU, in cooperation with JNTU, during the period of this agreement.

6. Students who are admitted to SIU as Partner Affiliated Students will receive a Partner Scholarship for the duration of their enrollment at SIU, as a Partner Affiliated Student.

7. Definitions
a. Person officially affiliated with JNTU partner institution is a “Partner Affiliated Student” if admitted to SIU and meeting one of the following affiliation criteria:

i. Study Abroad student is a student currently enrolled in JNTU wishing to participate in a one or two semester study abroad experience at SIU as part of their JNTU degree program as confirmed by letter from the MOU Liaison of JNTU required as part of the application package to SIU.

ii. Recent graduate is a person who has graduated with a recognized degree from JNTU, then is admitted to, and enrolls in, a degree program at SIU within a year of their graduation date at JNTU.

iii. Faculty member is a person who is currently, and has been for a minimum of five (5)* years, a full time staff member of JNTU as confirmed by letter from the MOU Liaison of JNTU required as part of the application package to SIU.

iv. Staff member is a person who is currently, and has been for a minimum of five (5)* years, a full time staff member of JNTU as confirmed by letter from the MOU Liaison of JNTU required as part of the application package to SIU.

v. Transfer student is an undergraduate student who has been successfully enrolled and successfully completed at least one year at JNTU and wishes to transfer to SIU to complete a degree.

vi. Transfer graduate is a student who has attended and successfully completed at least one year at JNTU, transferred to SIU to complete a degree program, successfully completed that program and has been accepted into a graduate program at SIU within (5) five years of receiving their most recent degree from SIU.

*the five year time period for a specific individual may be waived by an agreement signed by the liaisons of both institutions.

b. Currently the Partner Scholarship is a tuition amount that is comparable to that of an in-state student in the same degree program, however, the Board of Trustees, reserves the right to modify the scholarship.
8. Although it is not required that any SIU students enroll at JNTU for this MOU to be viable, if they do, JNTU shall offer the same tuition benefits to SIU students who choose to enroll at JNTU as those listed in items 3 – 7 above for JNTU students enrolling at SIU.

9. Should this MOU expire or be cancelled before a Partner Affiliated Student, who is in good academic standing and who is maintaining satisfactory progress towards degree, and is completing his or her respective degree or program, that Partner Affiliated Student will maintain eligibility for the Partner Scholarship.

10. The name and contact information for both sides are:

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12. If the liaison duties of either institution are reassigned to a different person, the above information shall be shared with the other institution via contact with the contact person listed above, within thirty days of reassignment.

13. Each University shall maintain liability coverage in reasonable and customary amounts to cover claims made directly against their respective University. Neither University agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other University, or their agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of their respective University, or their agents or employees, during the term of this memorandum of understanding.

14. This agreement for teaching, research and service for the students and communities of both institutions is entered into in a spirit of cooperation by both parties in the recognition that each university will benefit from this interaction through enhanced global educational opportunities for students and improved professional development opportunities for faculties and staff. This memorandum of understanding shall take effect after approval by appropriate authorities of both universities for an initial period of four years with the intent and option of further renewal as mutually agreed upon programs are implemented, or sooner if necessitated by a change in either university’s policies or their respective state or national laws or regulations. After this Memorandum has been activated, cancellation of the agreement may be effected by either party with a written notification six months in advance of the anticipated termination. This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective upon the date of the final signature below.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized, respective officers, and by doing so, hereby affirm that the terms and conditions herein are mutually enforceable on behalf of and against each party as of the date first written above.

Approved:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Rita Cheng, Chancellor
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

12.7.13

Date

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Rameshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor,
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University

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Approved:

Glenn Poshard, President
Southern Illinois University

12.18.13

Date