Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The Board of Trustees of
Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIU)
Carbondale, Illinois, United States of America

And

Aleksandras Stulginskis University (ASU)
Akademija, Lithuania

In order to advance friendly relations between the United States and Lithuania and in the pursuit of excellence in scholarship for the purpose of advancing and disseminating knowledge, Southern Illinois University and Aleksandras Stulginskis 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. Engage in joint research and educational activities
b. Promote international experience through exchange of faculty for research, lectures, and discussions.
c. Encourage the exchange of graduate and undergraduate students for learning, research, and internship.
d. Organize joint conferences, symposia, and seminars.
e. Link website onto the partner university’s website to enhance information exchange.

The terms and the necessary resource for such joint activities and exchange programs shall be discussed and mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular activity or program. Both universities understand that all the financial arrangements should be negotiated and will depend upon the availability of funds.

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. Monitor progress and report on the outcome and evaluate the success of these activities in an annual evaluation.
c. Determine new courses of action to sustain and strengthen the institutional relationship.
The name and contact information of the respective liaison persons are:

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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.

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

ALEKSNDRAS STULGINSKIS UNIVERSITY

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Date: 9-24-13

Date: 2013.09.30