Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The Board of Trustees of
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
And
University of Gävle

In order to advance friendly relations between the United States and Sweden and in the pursuit of excellence in scholarship for the purpose of advancing and disseminating knowledge, the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University (SIU), a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois, on behalf of Southern Illinois University Carbondale and University of Gävle (UG) 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.

Cooperation shall be carried out, subject to the approval of SIU and UG, through such activities or programs related, but not limited to:

a. Joint research and educational activities
b. Promotion of international experience through exchange of faculty for research, lectures, and discussions.
c. Encouragement of graduate and undergraduate student exchange for learning, research, and internship.
d. Organization of joint conferences, symposia, and seminars.

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 until termination by either party. Termination can be effected at any time by either party, upon written notification six months prior to termination. In order to enhance information exchange both parties also adhere to add a link of their respective websites into their own.

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**  

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Susan M. Ford for  
Randy J. Dunn  
Southern Illinois University  

[Signature]  
March 20, 2015

**UNIVERSITY OF GÄVLE**

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Maj-Britt Johansson, Vice-Chancellor  
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April 13, 2015