



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

ROWAN UNIVERSITY

and

PVP SIDDHARTHA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING(MOU), effective upon signing, the Regents of Rowan University (herein referred to as RU) and PVP Siddhartha Institute of Technology (herein referred to as PVPSIT), sharing common goals of education, Twinning and transfer programs, encouraging students of PVPSIT and research, desire to collaborate between academic units in both universities through international and cultural exchange opportunities,

Agree to explore:

1. Description of Affiliation

1.1 The objective of the present MOU is to foster collaboration between both universities and encourage direct contact and cooperation between their faculty members, departments, institutions and other research centres subject to the provisions of this MOU. The MOU will be effective upon signing and shall remain in effect for five (5) years. The parties agree to carry on the following general forms of cooperation:

- a) Exchange of students
- b) Exchange of faculty members
- c) Joint research activities and publications
- d) Exchange of invitations to scholars to participate in conferences, colloquia, symposia and sharing of experience
- e) Exchange of information in fields of interest to both universities, including the exploration of potential degree completion programs and/or dual degree programs.

1.2 To develop these activities, the parties shall prepare jointly and advance discussions in each particular case, for the purpose of establishing the limits of obligation for each party.

2. Responsibilities of the Parties

2.1 Joint Responsibilities

2.1.1 RU and PVPSIT will each identify a person or persons to act as liaisons during the course of this affiliation. The appointment of liaisons shall be subject to mutual approval of all parties.

2.1.2 The person(s) appointed as liaison will jointly plan for:

- a. identification of specific collaborative programs and tasks;
- b. establishment of objectives and outcomes for proposed programs;

c. establishment of annual review and update processes for proposed programs;

2.1.3 Programs to be explored for future collaborations will include 2+2, 3+3, and 3+1+1 degree completion programs, dual Master's and/or Ph.D. programs, and study abroad programs. Provisions within these MOU will be such that PVPSIT will nominate its own students for participation, but final admission to RU will be determined by RU. Students admitted to RU will be degree seeking transfer students enrolled in RU's degree programs.

As RU and PVPSIT move forward with specific Initiations, the following will apply:

2.1.4 RU and PVPSIT will maintain individual responsibility for student academic records and will exchange student academic records in accordance with institutional policies.

2.1.5 Students will be subject to the rules and regulations of the University in which they are enrolled at that time. Each institution will have complete authority to withdraw, suspend or terminate a student for academic deficiencies, behavioral violations or other sufficient reason subject to certain procedures afforded to the student while the student is enrolled at that university.

2.1.6 PVPSIT agrees to inform RU of any specific issues related to the student (i.e., any disclosed or documented disabilities, disciplinary action, etc.) as early in the acceptance process as possible to allow for the appropriate advising and counselling of the student by RU.

2.1.7 RU and PVPSIT agree to inform the other of any crisis or emergency related to participating students. If a program needs to be cancelled, arrangements will be made so that students currently enrolled in the program will be able to complete the program. Arrangements may include a different delivery method of the academic program. In all cases, communications to that effect will be sent immediately to the other party.

2.2 RU Responsibilities

2.2.1 RU will agree to make reasonable efforts required to ensure the integration of students into the academic environment of the University.

2.2.2 RU will maintain full responsibility for the integrity and authenticity of the academic records it provides PVPSIT on behalf of participating students to include but not be limited to RU transcripts, course descriptions, or syllabi.

2.2.3 In the event the student is allowed to engage in employment by the student's visa, RU may, but shall not be required to, employ the student under the same terms and conditions it employs other student workers.

2.2.4 RU will invite qualified faculty members and researchers from PVPSIT to co-advise graduate students. RU will grant graduate faculty status to the qualified researchers/professors from PVPSIT so that they can serve on RU graduate advisory committees.

2.3 PVPSIT Responsibilities

- 2.3.1 PVPSIT will assume responsibility for marketing and promotion of the MOU in India and will identify and enroll for participation, students it believes can fully meet the educational standards for success at the PVPSIT campus and meet the admission requirements and standards for success at the RU
- 2.3.2 PVPSIT will ensure that participating students will have completed a pre-approved core campus curriculum prior to arrival to RU. PVPSIT will prepare official, accurate and consistent course descriptions for any transfer courses that students may complete in anticipation of participation in this MOU. RU has sole discretion in approving these courses for transfer.
- 2.3.3 PVPSIT will maintain full responsibility for the integrity and authenticity of the academic records it provides on behalf of participating students to include but not be limited to high school graduation certificates, PVPSIT academic transcripts, and individual course descriptions and syllabi as required for administration of this MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto execute this MOU as follows:

The Regents of Rowan University PVP Siddhartha Institute of Technology

By: 

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Title: Vice President, Rowan University

Date: 26.01.2024

By: 

Name: Dr. K. Sivaji Babu

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