

23.02.2015

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between



**SUMY STATE UNIVERSITY  
(UKRAINE)**

and



**VŠB – TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF OSTRAVA  
(CZECH REPUBLIC)**

VŠB – Technical University of Ostrava (hereinafter referred to as VŠB-TUO) and Sumy State University (hereinafter referred to as SSU) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a program of exchange and collaboration in areas of interest and benefit to both institutions.

## I.

The purposes of the cooperation between VŠB-TUO and SSU are as follows:

- to promote interest in the teaching and research activities of the respective institutions;
- to promote institutional exchanges through mobility of faculty and administrators of the partner institutions to participate in a variety of teaching and/or research activities and professional development;
- to seek opportunities to receive students of the partner institution;
- to seek opportunities for joint research projects;
- to organize seminars, conferences, short courses and meetings on research issues.

## II.

Each institution shall designate a coordinator to oversee and facilitate the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding. The coordinators, working with other appropriate administrators at the respective universities, shall have the following responsibilities:

- to promote academic collaboration between both staff and students for research and study;
- to act as principal contacts for individual and group activities and to plan and coordinate all activities within their institutions as well as with the partner institution;
- to distribute to each institution information about the faculty, facilities, research, publications, library materials and educational resources of the other institution;
- to meet periodically to review and evaluate past activities and to develop new ideas for future cooperation agreements.

## III.

This general Memorandum of Understanding shall be identified as the parent document of any program agreement executed between the parties. Further agreements concerning any programme shall provide details concerning the specific commitments made by each party and shall not become effective until they have been reduced to writing and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties. This Memorandum of Understanding implies no financial obligation on either signatory party. The scope of the activities under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be determined by the funds regularly available at both institutions for the types of collaboration undertaken and by financial assistance, which may be obtained by either institution from external sources.

#### IV.

Except as may be stipulated in any specific programme agreement, each institution shall be responsible for expenses incurred by its employees under this Memorandum of Understanding.

#### V.

Upon approval by each institution, this Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years unless terminated earlier by either institution, and will renew automatically unless terminated. Such termination by one institution shall be effected by giving the other institutions at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of its intention to terminate. If such notice is given, this Memorandum of Understanding shall terminate: (a) at the end of such ninety (90) days; or (b) when all students enrolled in a course of study under the Memorandum of Understanding have completed that course of study, whichever event occurs last. Termination shall be without penalty. If this Memorandum of Understanding is terminated, neither VŠB-TUO nor SSU shall be liable for the other's losses that may result.

EXECUTED by VŠB-TUO and SSU in two copies in English.

#### VI.

#### Signatory Parties

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Dated

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