

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs

Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – H (2)

DATE: June 26-27, 2024

SUBJECT

Agreements on Academic Cooperation – USD

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 5.3](#) – Agreements and Contracts

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

BOR Policy 5.3 requires board action on a range of items including “Affiliative agreements and other agreements that provide for joint sponsorship of educational programing for which credit shall be awarded.” To comply with this requirement, the University of South Dakota (USD) seeks approval to enter into two agreements on academic cooperation. The first is with Cadi Ayyad University, located in Marrakech, Morocco. The second is with the University of California at San Diego (UCSD).

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

The agreement with Cadi Ayyad University will allow the two universities to explore collaboration in the areas of faculty and staff exchange, student exchange or internships, short-term academic programs, joint research projects, or other activities of mutual interest.

The agreement with the University of California at San Diego is between UCSD’s Health Sciences’ T. Denny Sanford Institute for Empathy and Compassion, and The University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine. The agreement looks to foster collaboration between both institutions in areas of common interest in medicine. These may include, but are not limited to: exchanges of faculty and staff, exchanges of students, joint research projects and publications, exchanges of publications, materials, and information, joint conference and workshops, and special short-term programs and visits.

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment I – Agreement on Academic Cooperation – USD & Cadi Ayyad University
- Attachment II – Agreement on Academic Cooperation – USD & University of California at San Diego

DRAFT MOTION 20240626_6-H(2):

I move to approve the University of South Dakota to finalize and execute the agreements on academic cooperation between USD and Cadi Ayyad University, and USD and UCSD, in substantially similar form to that set forth in Attachments I & II.



Memorandum of Understanding between Cadi Ayyad University, Morocco and University of South Dakota, USA

The President of the Cadi Ayyad University (hereinafter referred to as UCA), Marrakech, Morocco and the President/Chair of the University of South Dakota, USA, affirm their intent to promote such academic collaboration and exchanges as will be of mutual benefit to their respective Institutions. The universities, in accordance with their nature and objectives, are destined to play an essential role about the strengthening of friendship between the nations and their economic, social, and cultural development. This agreement is made as a gesture of good will between the two universities/Institutions.

The areas of collaboration may include any activity at either institution that could help foster and develop the relationship, such as:

1. Exchange of faculty and staff
2. Exchange of students for studying and/or practical training/internships.
3. Special short-term academic programs and new forms of studying
4. Cooperation concerning research projects including joint-supervision and accomplishment of doctoral theses.
5. Exchange of information, documentation, and materials where appropriate
6. Acceptance of transfer of credits among the institutions.
7. Organizing joint conference and meetings
8. Identifying and exploring further activities of mutual interest

Details of the implementation of any exchange or cooperation resulting from this agreement shall be negotiated between the two educational institutions as such specific areas arise.

The collaboration on any activity, including the above listed activities, shall be subject to securing appropriate funding based on the approval of each institution's respective authority and to entering into separate agreements upon terms and conditions mutually agreed to by the parties.

Each Institution shall designate a liaison officer to develop and coordinate the specific activities. These are the following at the date of the signing of this agreement:

UCA (Morocco) – contact person:

Blaid Bougadir

President

Cadi Ayyad University

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Each Institution agrees not to use the other’s name or logo in publicity without written consent from the Senior Executive of the other Institution or his/her designate.

The intellectual property policies in place at each Institution shall apply to the activities initiated and implemented by the respective researchers.

Participants under this ***Memorandum of Understanding*** will be selected based on merit and without regard to race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, age, sex, marital status, physical handicap, or sexual orientation. UCA and USD will each accept the participants selected by the other party if mutually acceptable academic and/or professional qualifications and standards are met.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of last signature. It will be automatically renewed each year for a period of one-year unless either university gives a written notice of intent to discontinue six months prior to its expiration.

Cadi Ayyad University, Morocco**University of South Dakota, USA**

Marrakech

Place, Date

Vermillion

Place, Date

SignatureBlaid Bougadir
(President)

SignatureKC Santosh
(Chai, Computer Science Department)



UNIVERSITY *of* CALIFORNIA
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**Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Academic Cooperation
Between
University of California at San Diego, Health Sciences'
T. Denny Sanford Institute for Empathy and Compassion
and
The University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine**

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COLLABORATION IN EDUCATION

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into upon the date signed by both parties (“Effective Date”) by and between The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the University of California, San Diego, Health Sciences’ T. Denny Sanford Institute for Empathy and Compassion (“UCSD”), located in La Jolla, California and The University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine (“USD”), located in Vermillion, South Dakota, with respect to the following:

WHEREAS, UCSD and USD seek to establish a closer relationship to foster collaboration between both institutions in areas of common interest in medicine and the impact of compassion and empathy in medicine with the goal of participating in academic and research activities in areas of common interest, and;

WHEREAS, the objective of this agreement is to promote a cooperative spirit that will enhance the goodwill that characterizes the relationship between our two universities and;

Toward achieving these objectives, UCSD and USD agree to establish a collaborative partnership for:

- a. Exchanges of faculty and staff;
- b. Exchanges of students;
- c. Joint research projects and publications;
- d. Exchanges of publications, materials, and information;
- e. Joint conferences and workshops; and
- f. Special short-term programs and visits.

As outlined in subsequent documents, an exchange will be developed in which students and faculty/staff mentors from USD can participate in research and educational programs.

The primary contacts for this MOU are William C. Mobley, M.D., Ph.D. for UCSD and Tim Ridgway, MD, FACP, FASGE for USD.

1. Initially, the collaboration between UCSD and USD will focus on the areas listed on Exhibit A. Additional programs can be added by mutual agreement of the parties. The parties may enter into specific written agreements hereunder to clarify and define the nature, extent and terms of operation for the proposed collaborations, including intellectual property ownership and funding. Prior to entering into any such agreements, these agreements will require the approval of appropriate officers from each institution. For agreed upon activities, both institutions will make available their facilities and staffs as further defined in such agreements.
2. This MOU is intended to exist for five (5) years from the Effective Date unless terminated by one of the parties. Either institution may withdraw from this MOU at any time without cause and for any reason, provided advance written notification of the withdrawal is given to the other institution at least sixty (60) days prior to the termination date. However, no termination should adversely interrupt or impair a program or course of study or its participants, commenced prior to such termination.
3. This MOU may be renewed for another period upon mutual written consent of the two institutions before the expiration date as an amendment to this MOU. This MOU is made in English, which is the authentic text.
4. Any specific program contemplated hereunder will be subject to mutual consent, availability of funds and approval of both parties.
5. The parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding is not a formal legal agreement giving rise to any legal relationship, rights, duties or consequences, but it is only a definite expression and record of the purpose of the parties to which the parties are bound in honor only. This MOU may not be enforced in any legal proceeding.
6. This Memorandum of Understanding may be executed in separate counterparts, none of which need contain the signatures of all parties, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which taken together constitute one and the same instrument. Electronic or scanned signatures will be deemed to have the same effect as an original.

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The following individuals, duly authorized, have signed the present Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of their respective institutions.

The parties have executed this Agreement as set forth below.

The Regents of the University of California
on behalf of its San Diego Health Sciences'
T. Denny Sanford Institute for Empathy and
Compassion

The University of South Dakota Sanford
School of Medicine

By *John Carethers*
John M. Carethers, M.D.
Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences

By:
Tim Ridgway, MD, FACP, FASGE
Dean, USD Sanford School of Medicine

Date: 4/15/2024

Date:

EXHIBIT A

AREAS OF COLLABORATION

The T. Denny Sanford Institute is establishing the **Compassion Ambassador Program (CAmP)** with the goal of creating a national cadre of medical students who will serve as compassion ambassadors. Students will receive empathy and compassion training from the Sanford Institute and will create and disseminate empathy and compassion initiatives at their own medical school. Through a competitive application and selection process, Sanford Institute will provide a financial award to the partner institution's students to attend a 3-day immersive learning experience on the UC San Diego campus during the summer and to create and implement a mentored project related to empathy and compassion at their own institution during the following academic year. CAmP is intended for medical students who would apply with their chosen mentor from their own institution, attend summer CAmP in San Diego, and implement their project during the year following summer CAmP.

To accomplish these goals, the Sanford Institute will:

- Provide the partner institution with all documents necessary to launch the program, including an overall process guide, program marketing and application materials, review rubric, and project reporting templates.
- Complete the final review process of the student applications submitted by the partner institution for award determination
- Provide a funding award directly to students to support their travel to UC San Diego for Summer CAmP and their project implementation
- Facilitate the summer CAmP at UC San Diego, to include empathy and compassion didactics, compassion cultivation and mindfulness training, and social activities. Sanford Institute will provide all housing and meals for students during summer CAmP; students are responsible for their travel to/from UC San Diego using their award funds.
- Carry out evaluation procedures for both the overall CAmP implementation process and the student experience of the summer program and overall program.
- Collaborate with the partner institution to publish and/or present program/project findings, as needed.

To accomplish these goals, the partner institution will:

- Identify a CAmP Coordinator at their institution to implement and oversee the CAmP procedures, to serve as the point of contact for their students/mentors, and to serve as the point of contact for the Sanford Institute
- Announce the CAmP opportunity to their students and potential faculty/staff mentors and make the application available
- Establish internal deadlines for program processes (e.g. application due dates, progress report due dates) in alignment with the Sanford Institute overall timeline
- Ensure students/mentors are implementing their empathy and compassion projects to the best of their ability
- Collaborate with Sanford Institute to publish and/or present program/project findings, as needed.

To accomplish these goals, the partner institution will ensure that students understand their responsibilities as an awardee, which are to:

- Complete and submit the award acceptance form upon award notice
- Attend summer CAmP at UC San Diego during the summer
- Implement their empathy and compassion project under the guidance of their staff/faculty mentor at their own institution to the best of their ability
- Complete any required project reporting
- Collaborate with their own Institution and Sanford Institute to publish and/or present project findings, as needed.

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