

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – G (2)
DATE: April 3-4, 2024

SUBJECT

Agreements on Academic Cooperation – SDSU

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, South Dakota State University (SDSU) seeks approval to enter into two agreements on academic cooperation with the Gujurat Technological University, located in Ahmedabad, India, and Presidency University, located in Bangalore, India.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

The agreement with Gujurat Technology University will allow SDSU and GTU to work to collaborate on short-term summer study abroad programs for GTU students on the SDSU campus, and on enrollment partnerships in disciplines within the Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering.

The agreement with Presidency University will allow discussions regarding ways to collaborate, including enrollment partnerships in disciplines within the Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering.

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment I – Agreement on Academic Cooperation – SDSU & Gujurat Technological University
- Attachment II - Agreement on Academic Cooperation – SDSU & Presidency University

DRAFT MOTION 20240403_5-G(2):

I move to approve South Dakota State University’s agreements on academic cooperation with Gujurat Technological University and Presidency University, as presented.

South Dakota State University
Office of International Affairs
International Agreement Support Document
for
New or Renewal of International Agreement

Title of the Proposed Agreement:

This is an agreement between South Dakota State University and Gujarat Technological University

City: **Ahmedabad**

Country: **India**

Date Proposed: **01/08/2024**

Proposed by: **Sanjeev Kumar**
Faculty Member's Name

Sanjeev.Kumar@sdstate.edu
E-mail address

College/Department/Program: **Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering**

Description of Partner Institution: Public
 Private (if Private, is the institution religiously based? Yes No

Number of Students attending Partner Institution: 225,000 through 486 affiliated colleges in its network

Degrees awarded at Partner Institution:

- B.A.** **B.S.**
- M.A.** **M.S.**
- Ph.D.** Other _____

Scope of past work and future plans: **SDSU and GTU will work to collaborate on short-term summer study abroad programs for GTU students on the SDSU campus and enrollment partnerships (e.g. 3+1+1) in disciplines represented by the Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering.**

Will this include Student Exchange? No

Additional information supporting this agreement:

N/A

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Dean, J.J. Lohr College of Engineering 1/8/2024 | 20:33 PST

Signature of person supporting this agreement **Title** **Date**

My college supports this proposed International Agreement.

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Signature of Dean **Name of College** **Date**

The Office of International Affairs Recommendation:

[to be completed by Dr. Jon Stauff, Assistant Vice President, Office of International Affairs]

The proposed agreement should

be pursued

not be pursued

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Dr. Jon Stauff, Assistant Vice President **Date**

**AGREEMENT ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
GUJURAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**

On the basis of a mutual commitment to further international understanding and friendship, to share academic knowledge and to establish and develop mutually beneficial academic contacts, South Dakota State University (SDSU) and the Gujarat Technological University (GTU) agree to the following:

I. Scope of the Cooperation

- Article 1. The institutions agree to exchange experience and information on questions of pedagogy, organization and contents of instruction, and the training of faculty and students, as appropriate. The area of exchange shall cover academic disciplines to be determined and negotiated by both parties, and may specifically include Computer Science, Engineering, and Management.
- Article 2. The institutions agree to exchange scientific and technical expertise, educational practices, as well as exhibitions and other materials, as appropriate, illustrating the activities and achievements of both institutions.
- Article 3. The institutions agree, as appropriate, to help faculty member of both parties conduct joint research projects.
- Article 4. Both institutions agree to discuss other proposals relating to future collaborations and exchange, including the possibility of brief exchange visits, joint publication of research, student and faculty exchange, and other similar projects as appropriate.

II. Appointment of Coordinators

- Article 5. Each institution shall designate an individual who will serve as coordinator for this agreement. The coordinator will be responsible for maintaining, revising, and/or and renewing the agreement, as appropriate. In addition, each institution shall name at least one academic contact, and this person will coordinate the specific aspects of the agreement.

Article 6. The following individuals at each institution will be responsible for coordinating this agreement:

South Dakota State University	Gujarat Technological University
<p>PRIMARY CONTACT FOR AGREEMENT Name: Sally A. Gillman, Ph.D. Title: Director for Education Abroad Office: Office of International Affairs Mailing Address: Briggs Library, Suite 119 Brookings, SD 57007 Email: sally.gillman@sdstate.edu Telephone: 605-688-6094 Fax: 605-688-6540</p>	<p>PRIMARY CONTACT FOR AGREEMENT Name: Dr. Keyur Darji Title: Director Office: Department of International Relations Mailing Address: Nr. Visat Three Roads, Visat – Gandhinagar Highway, Chandkheda, Ahmedabad 382424 Gujarat, India Email: director_dir@gtu.edu.in Telephone: +91-79-23267525</p>
<p>ACADEMIC UNIT CONTACT Name: Sanjeev Kumar, Ph.D., PE, F. ASCE Title: Jerome J. Lohr Endowed Dean/Professor Office: Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering Mailing Address: Crothers Engineering Hall 201(E), Box 2219, Brookings, SD 57007 USA Email: Sanjeev.Kumar@sdstate.edu Telephone: +1-605-688-4161</p>	<p>ACADEMIC UNIT CONTACT The Director, Dept. of International relations will involve the concerned Professors/Deans of GTU as per the area of planned activity.</p>

Article 7. The individuals in the positions listed above agree to respond to inquiries and correspondence from the partner institution in a timely and efficient manner.

VI. Terms of Agreement

Article 8. This agreement shall be valid for a period of five years. This agreement will be effective upon signature of the responsible authority of each institution and may be terminated by either party by given written notice to the other institution six months in advance of the date of termination. A termination of the agreement will not affect persons who have already begun an exchange under its provisions.

Article 9. Matters not provided in this agreement shall be decided by mutual agreement between the two institutions. Additional joint activities, such as student or faculty exchange, will require the execution of a separate agreement.

Article 10. Modifications of this agreement shall be made in the form of a written addendum signed by both parties.


Article 11. Nothing in the above agreement shall be construed as being legally binding.

Article 12. This agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority for this purpose from the Legislature of the State of South Dakota. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate or grant expenditure authority or if funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, this agreement will be terminated by the State. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by the State nor does it give rise to a claim against the State.

In the spirit of international friendship and cooperation, we hereby set our signatures:

for South Dakota State University

for Gujarat Technological University

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Barry H. Dunn, President

Dr. K N Kher, Registrar

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Date:

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South Dakota State University
Office of International Affairs
International Agreement Support Document
for
New or Renewal of International Agreement

Title of the Proposed Agreement:

This is an agreement between South Dakota State University and Presidency University

City: Bangalore

Country: India

Date Proposed: 1/25/2024

Proposed by: Sanjeev Kumar
Faculty Member's Name

Sanjeev.Kumar@sdsstate.edu
E-mail address

College/Department/Program: Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering – including the Department of Civil Engineering, the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Description of Partner Institution: Public
 Private (if Private, is the institution religiously based? Yes No

Number of Students attending Partner Institution: 9,641 at all levels

Degrees awarded at Partner Institution:

- B. A. B. S.
- M. A. M.S.
- Ph. D. Other _____

Scope of past work and future plans:

SDSU representatives have visited Presidency several times over the past year to discuss potential ways to collaborate, including the proposed 3+1+1 structure included here in this agreement. PU is keen to offer their students accelerated pathways to study in the USA and we are confident that the students recruited through this pipeline will be good additions to JLLCOE.

Will this include Student Exchange? Provide justification for parity.

There is no anticipated student exchange between the two institutions. As faculty have the opportunity to connect with each other, there may be short exchanges related to teaching and research that may require an addendum or an additional agreement.

Additional information supporting this agreement:

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Signature of person supporting this agreement		Title	Date

My college supports this proposed International Agreement.

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Signature of Dean		Name of College	Date

International Committee Recommendation:

[to be completed by Dr. Jon Stauff, Assistant Vice President, Office of International Affairs

The International Committee has recommended that the proposed agreement

be pursued

not be pursued

Summary of Rational for Decision/Approval:

This agreement is consistent with our institutional goals related to our institutional strategy to engage India after the new National Education Policy of 2020 made such curricular initiatives possible. We gain access to high quality students selected by the partner to pursue graduate studies at SDSU while we further promote our brand in India as we pursue students in other fields of study.

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**PRESIDENCY
UNIVERSITY**

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PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY, INDIA**

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In the spirit of international friendship and cooperation, we hereby set our signatures:

for South Dakota State University

for Presidency University

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Dr. Barry H. Dunn, President

Dr. Anubha Singh, Vice Chancellor in-
Charge

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