## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Jacksonville State University Jacksonville, Alabama United States of America

and

## GLA University Mathura- U.P, India

To encourage academic relations and promote international understanding, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama, United States of America, and GLA University, Mathura, India, have established an agreement of friendship and collaboration. In signing this agreement, both institutions acknowledge a commitment to develop an academic relationship in the following areas of mutual interest and benefit.

- 1. Both universities will encourage and facilitate opportunities for collaborative projects for students and faculty.
- 2. Both universities will identify students and faculty whose interests and educational backgrounds make them good candidates for exchanges.
- 3. Both universities will seek opportunities for joint research projects for faculty and students.
- 4. Both universities will investigate the benefits of dual degree programs at the undergraduate level and collaborations at the graduate level.
- 5. Both universities will seek opportunities to use distance learning where appropriate.
- 6. Jacksonville State University will offer the necessary preparatory English language courses to enable students from GLA University to transition successfully to Jacksonville State University if needed.
- 7. Specific details of particular projects or programs will be documented separately and approved by the President of Jacksonville State University and the Chancellor of GLA University or their designees.
- 8. Jacksonville State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees. GLA University is not accredited by SACS Commission on Colleges, and the accreditation of Jacksonville State University does not extend to or include GLA University or its students.

- 9. Further, should Jacksonville State University and GLA University mutually agree to a future dual degree or collaboration, although Jacksonville State University agrees to accept certain course work from GLA University to be applied to an award from Jacksonville State University, that course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from Jacksonville State University. The decision to accept course work in transfer from any institution is made by the institution considering the acceptance of credits or course work.
- 10. Jacksonville State University recognizes GLA University's responsibility and restrictions to meet requirements of their respective accrediting agent and will cooperate with GLA University in meeting such requirements.
- 11. If either Jacksonville State University or GLA University believes the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding are not being met, either may notify the other of its concerns in writing. Both agree to try to resolve any differences amicably, but if this is not possible, either may cancel the agreement with one year of advance notice.
- 12. Both parties also acknowledge the existence of certain legal constraints and policy directives of the United States, as well as those of the government of India. Both parties understand that such constraints and policies form part of the context in which this agreement must operate.
- 13. This Agreement will be effective (07/01/2017) and will last for a term of five (5) years from the date of execution and will automatically renew for additional one (1) year periods, at the end of the expiration of any term, unless a minimum of 30 days advance written notice of non-renewal is given to the non-terminating party.

John M. Beehler, Ph.D., CPA

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President

Jacksonville State University

Date: 6-29-17

Anup Kumar Gupta, Ph.D. Director, for Chancellor

**GLA University** 

Date: 07-14. 2017

Ashok Kumar Singh Registrar



Sunita Siwach Joint Secretary University Grant Commission Bahadurshah Zafar Marg New Delhi – 110002, India

July 27, 2017

Subject: Request for approval of our two MOUs with American Universities.

Dear Sir or Madam,

It has been found that employers need students who have good industrial exposure, can communicate well in English, and have critical thinking, problem solving and leadership skills. In its continuing effort to provide opportunities to our students to enhance above skills, GLA University has entered into collaborative agreements with international universities of repute. GLA University already has a comprehensive MOU with Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, USA. To further strengthen this area, GLA University has recently entered into a MOU with Jacksonville State University. These agreements provide for not only student exchange but faculty exchange as well. One unique feature of this agreement is that GLA students can go and complete a semester at these universities and GLA will provide them due credits for this. Also our faculty in general but more specifically of Mathematics and Computer Science will go and teach some courses each semester at these universities. GLA believes such international exposures to its students and faculty will be immensely useful in upgrading our own educational standards and will help us reach international standards.

The two MOUs mentioned above are attached herewith. GLA University will be pleased to have UGC approve these so that we can henceforth proceed with implementing these.

Please acknowledge this letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to revert back to us.

Sincerely,

Ashok Kumar Singh Registrar