



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA
AND
THE SCHOOL OF ART AND SCIENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



The University of Messina (UniME) Italy, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Pietro Navarra,

and

The School of Art and Sciences of the University of Pennsylvania (UPENN), legally represented by the Dean, XXXXX

hereby "the Parties"

CONSIDERING relations among Higher Education Institutions as fundamental for the creation of knowledge-based societies where awareness of cultural diversity and traditions is an incentive, rather than an obstacle, to innovation and international cooperation;

CONSIDERING international cooperation vital to enhance the quality and relevance of human capital development in higher education, to create effective governance and funding mechanisms in support of excellence;

WISHING to promote the advancement of international understanding, academic excellence, dissemination of learning and cultural ties;

WISHING to enhance relations between the two Universities and develop cultural, scientific and didactic cooperation in all the fields of mutual interest;

Agree as follows:

A. AIMS

The Parties aim at cooperating for the development of common educational projects, shared experience in teaching and research of common interest and joint research activities. For the purpose of achieving the above-mentioned aims, the Parties agree to

- promote joint research projects, seminars, conferences and teaching activities;
- promote international opportunities of academic staff and researchers for teaching and research activities;
- promote international opportunities for graduate and undergraduate level students for study and research activities
- exchange information, scientific works and other scientific and didactic materials of mutual interest;

B. GENERAL CONDITIONS

When required, specific cooperation aims and rules of procedure of any didactic-scientific initiative shall be spelled out in executive protocols to be agreed and signed in the spirit of the aims of the present Memorandum of Understanding.



In the event of exchange of undergraduate students, the home institution shall recognize and give credits for the academic results, obtained by its students at the host institution in accordance with the program of studies developed and agreed upon by both Parties. The Parties shall apply a tax waiver policy.

The Parties may decide to jointly participate in scientific programmes and projects promoted by the European Union as well as any other International Body or Foundation.

The Parties shall provide academic staff, graduate students and undergraduate students with access to classrooms, laboratories, libraries and other resources as appropriate for education.

C. IMPLEMENTATION

The Parties designate the following coordinators to facilitate the implementation of the Memorandum:

University of Messina:

- Prof. Pietro Navarra, Professor of Public Sector Economics and Rector of the University of Messina

School of Art and Sciences of the University of Pennsylvania:

- XXXXXXXX

The two above designated coordinators are considered authorized by the respective Parties to carry out all the related activities to foster the implementation of the present Memorandum.

D. DURATION

The duration of the present Memorandum of Understanding is established for a period of 3 years the date of the last signature. Thereafter it shall be automatically extended for an additional period of 3 years at each expiry date, unless any Party provides written notice to terminate the Memorandum, at least six months prior to the expiry date.

Date

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Prof. Pietro Navarra

Prof. XXXXXXXX

Rector of the University of Messina

Dean of the School of Art Sciences of the University of Pennsylvania