

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**  
**Consent**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5 – G (3)**  
**DATE: October 4-5, 2023**

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**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 programming for which credit shall be awarded.” To comply with this requirement, the University of South Dakota (USD) seeks approval to enter into an agreement on academic cooperation with the Indian Institute of Information Technology Allahabad, in Allahabad, India.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The agreement results in the opportunity for student and faculty/staff exchanges, short-term academic programs, cooperative research, and transfer of academic credit between the two institutions, with the possibility of identifying and exploring further activities in the future.

Board staff recommends approval.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – Agreement on Academic Cooperation - USD

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**DRAFT MOTION 20231004\_5-G(3):**

I move to approve the University of South Dakota’s agreement on academic cooperation with the Indian Institute of Information Technology Allahabad, as presented.



## **Memorandum of Understanding between Indian Institute of Information Technology Allahabad and University of South Dakota, USA**

The Director of Indian Institute of Information Technology Allahabad (hereafter IIITA), India and the President/Chair of 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:

**USD (USA):**

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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. IIITA 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.

**Indian Institute of Information  
Technology Allahabad, India**

**University of South Dakota, USA**

**Prayagraj**  
Place, Date

**Vermillion, USA**  
Place, Date

Signature  
Satish K Singh, PhD  
(Registrar)

Signature  
KC Santosh, PhD  
(Chair of Computer Science Department)