



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **BETWEEN**

#### **BAHAMAS TECHNICAL and VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE**

A technical and vocational institute in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (hereinafter referred to as “BTVI”).

### **and**

#### **BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA BY AND ON BEHALF OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY,**

Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America (hereinafter referred to as “Georgia State”).

### **1. SCOPE**

- 1.1. BTVI and Georgia State hereby agree to explore opportunities for collaboration to their mutual benefit.
- 1.2. Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) shall be construed as creating legal relations between the two parties and all negotiations between the parties regarding clauses 2 and 3 shall be subject to contract.

### **2. COLLABORATIONS**

- 2.1 Both parties agree, subject to contract and Clause 2.2, to establish and encourage mutually beneficial scientific, technological, educational and other relations which may entail the following types of activities:
  - (i) Accredited diploma programmes and certifications;
  - (ii) Graduate Study and Professional Development programmes;
  - (iii) Articulation and Bridge programmes for students and faculty;
  - (iv) Student and faculty exchange and internships;
  - (v) Technical Assistance projects;
  - (vi) Staff development and training;
  - (vii) Public education (e.g. organization of seminars, workshops, public lectures and conferences; and
  - (viii) Joint publications.

The development of the collaborations and related financial obligations referred to in Clause 2.1 shall be guided by discussions comprising representatives from both parties. Such programs and related agreements will be:

- (ix) Jointly prepared by both parties;
- (x) Subject to detailed feasibility studies;
- (xi) Reviewed and approved by designated representatives from each party;
- (xii) Subject to availability of guaranteed support funding;
- (xiii) In compliance with all relevant policies of each party.

2.2. During the term of this MOU the parties will attempt to negotiate formal agreement(s) – “Program Specific Agreements” (PSAs) with each other in respect to details of the activities in Clause 2.1. The term of such PSAs shall not extend beyond five (5) years in length. Each such PSA shall be subject to the availability of any resources required for the activity; provided, however, in the event financial commitments are stated, the term of such agreements may not extend beyond one (1) year in length.

2.3. **Please note:** Georgia State’s Travel Advisory Policy governs international travel by Georgia State students, faculty and staff. Travel must be approved by specified Georgia State administrators

### 3. FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

3.1 It is understood that financing will be required to undertake specific activities and that such financing be allotted on a case by case basis.

3.2 Except where funding has been secured from external sources, each party shall be responsible for its own costs in relation to all matters arising out of this MOU.

### 4. DURATION

4.1. This MOU is initially valid for three (3) years from the latter of the two (2) dates of signature, by the President of BTVI (Dr. Robert W. Robertson) and the President of Georgia State (Dr. Mark Becker), but may be extended by mutual consent of both parties.

4.2. This MOU shall be terminated in either of the following situations:  
(i) Upon either party giving to the other thirty (30) days written notice.  
(ii) Immediate termination for breach of any of the terms and conditions of the MOU or any PSA for specific activities.

4.3. Upon termination of the MOU, both parties shall advise any external funding agencies where funds may be in the process of being solicited jointly.

### 5. NOTICES

5.1 Each party shall designate a person or office to serve as liaison for the relationship established by this MOU. For BTVI the contact will be Dr. Robert Robertson, President, BTVI, Old Trail Road, Nassau, Bahamas. Phone: (242) 502-6402, Fax: (242) 393-4005, and Email: [robertsonr@btvi.edu.bs](mailto:robertsonr@btvi.edu.bs). For Georgia State, the contact

will be Dr. Wolfgang Schloer, Associate Provost for International Initiatives, Dahlberg Hall, Ste. 300-30 Courtland Street, Atlanta, GA 30303 Phone: 404-413-2530, Fax: +1-404-413-2537, and [wschloer@gsu.edu](mailto:wschloer@gsu.edu). Either party may change its own designated liaison by sending written notice to the other party of such change.

**6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

- 6.1. Both parties subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability unrelated to an individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.

**7. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

- 7.1. This document constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and all prior discussions, agreements and understandings between the parties, whether verbal or in writing, are superseded by this MOU. This MOU may be amended only by means of a written instrument signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

**WHEREFORE** the parties to this Agreement signify their acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein by signing in the spaces below.

**Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute**

**Board of Regents of the University  
System of Georgia by and on behalf of  
Georgia State University**



Dr. Robert W. Robertson  
President



Dr. Mark P. Becker  
President

Date: June 21/19

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