

**The Agreement between
University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
and
Millersville University
of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education,
Millersville, Pennsylvania**

Deeply committed to a free exchange of ideas, and keenly aware of the important role being played by institutions of higher education toward the progress, peace, and well being of humankind through academic and cultural exchange, the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (UPRM), and Millersville University of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (MU), affirm and agree to join together in the areas of education, research and training.

This agreement has as its collective purpose the strengthening of the respective institutions in carrying out their individual ideals and purposes. It is aimed at close academic cooperation among the institutions in ways that will aid their intellectual, material, and physical growth. Our intention is that this agreement will provide flexibility to allow adjustments on a yearly basis. As such, any further collaboration regarding this agreement will be formalized in an addendum/protocol to this agreement and will be signed by the chief executive officers of both institutions.

As their first and primary objective, UPRM and MU seek to facilitate cooperation in the field of primary and secondary education instruction and training, with the mutual goal of enhancing the quality of their respective programs. Collaboration may assume the forms of, but is not limited to, jointly offered professional development programs both in Puerto Rico and in Pennsylvania, faculty, research and administrative personnel exchanges, student teacher exchanges and jointly sponsored symposia and conferences.

I. Exchange of Faculty/Research/Administration

Each institution shall encourage exchange of faculty and administration supported by the terms described below. Funds will be sought from international scholars programs and granting foundations as might be available.

- A. Each institution shall provide, as appropriate, the names of instructional and research personnel available for exchange professorships for possible acceptance by the respective institutions.
- B. Faculty members and administrators of each institution may be designated to make professional visits to exchange partners' campuses for familiarization with their counterparts and for possible development of mutually beneficial programs.

C. Beyond traditional faculty exchange, both institutions will also collaborate on the exchange of scholars for lectures, seminars, workshops, talks and conferences and other special short-term academic programs.

II. Cooperative Efforts in Joint Academic Programs

At a future date, each institution may look into the possibility of undertaking joint academic programs utilizing their faculty members and facilities, drawing upon the strength of their respective experiences in overseas programs.

III. Exchange of Research Information

Where desirable, joint research efforts may be undertaken with appropriate support from the academic departments and the administrative leadership of each institution.

IV. Exchange of Academic Materials

Except for special gifts and other arrangements, both institutions agree to consider exchange of publications and library materials, as appropriate. The detailed exchanges shall be mutually agreed upon by the two institutions.

V. Student/Student Teaching Exchanges

At a future date, the institutions shall pledge to discuss a program which will provide the opportunity for students, and in particular, student teachers, at both institutions to carry out a partial semester, one semester or one year of their studies at the partner institution under conditions which normally pertain there. The conditions of this exchange will be formalized in an addendum/protocol to this agreement and will be signed by the chief executive officers of both institutions.

VI. Coordination of Agreement

91. The coordination and implementation of this agreement will be the responsibility of the Director of the Office of International Affairs at Millersville University and the Dean of Academic Affairs at University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez.

These coordinators shall assist each institution and internal departments to plan and arrange exchange of academic staff, information, student exchanges, and student support services (e.g. curriculum, housing, financial arrangements, welfare, and any general problems), and be the primary contact for each institution on such issues.

VII. Agreement

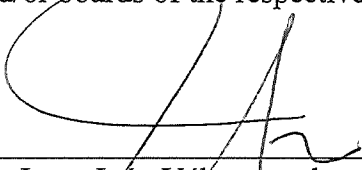
This agreement becomes effective when signed by the representatives of the two participating universities.

This agreement will continue for an indefinite period of time from the date of signature. Any party may terminate this agreement by providing a six-month (6) written notice. However, should the agreement terminate prior to the completion of an academic semester, all students enrolled at that time may continue their educational experience until it would have been concluded absent the termination. Unless a written notice has been given, the validity of the Agreement will be continued indefinitely. Any modifications of this agreement shall be made only by mutual consent of each institution involved.

Each institution will receive one copy of this agreement in English. For conflicting interpretations of text, each institution will strive to achieve a mutual understanding which considers the interests of both institutions.

This agreement shall not prevent either institution from establishing similar relations with other institutions in the same or other countries.

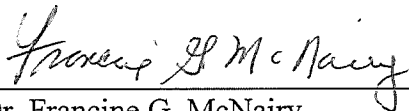
The provisions set forth in this agreement are intended to provide overall guidelines for this exchange program. Such provisions may be adjusted to accommodate special situations or circumstances as long as these adjustments meet the approval of the chief executive officers and/or boards of the respective institutions.



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