

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Trine University

And

Vaagdevi College of Engineering, Warangal

Purpose

In order to establish academic cooperation and exchanges, Trine University (hereafter, Trine) and VAAGDEVI University (hereafter, VAAGDEVI) hereby enter into agreements in regards to the following:

Article I – Graduate Admissions to Trine University

VAAGDEVI will recommend its undergraduate students for admission to TRINE's masters programs. Based on VAAGDEVI's recommendations, TRINE will issue letters of acceptance and other immigration documents in accordance with TRINE's admission requirements for graduate students. Degree candidates from VAAGDEVI are responsible for all tuition, room, and board, and other related expenses while pursuing a graduate degree at TRINE.

To be accepted into any of the above programs, candidates from VAAGDEVI must have successfully completed a four-year undergraduate degree program at VAAGDEVI or a three or four-year degree from a University recognized by TRINE. They must also demonstrate evidence of English proficiency. To do so, they may submit either a TOEFL score of 61 (iBT) or its equivalent (e.g., IELTS = 5.5). Applicants needing additional or remedial work in English may be enrolled in intensive English language coursework. Students not meeting the English requirements will pay \$5,000 per semester for their ESL program and upon enrollment in full time studies will get a \$2,500 tuition credit for their first semester of full time degree seeking studies and \$2,500 for their second semester of studies.

Article II - Visiting Scholars

In recognition of the above partnership, TRINE shall support one visiting scholar from VAAGDEVI for every 15 students that enroll in a postgraduate master's program at TRINE and completes at least one full year of study. TRINE shall assume the cost of housing, providing a mentor, access to facilities, airport transfer, and status as a University associate for up to two months during the summer (May 20 – Aug 10). The visiting scholar is responsible for his/her airfare, visa, and other living expenses during the stay as a visiting scholar.

Article III - Gateway Program

TRINE authorizes VAAGDEVI to offer TRINE-listed courses to students who are strongly interested in and inclined to apply for graduate admissions at TRINE. The course will be taught by an experienced faculty member from VAAGDEVI (or designated by VAAGDEVI) with input from TRINE in regard to curriculum design and grading. Students who successfully complete the course with an overall grade of B- or above and have been admitted to one of the programs listed above will receive graduate credits from TRINE that will apply towards their degree program requirements when they come to TRINE to study in one of the graduate programs. These students will also be exempt from submitting a test score in either TOEFL, IELTS.

VAAGDEVI will charge a tuition amount for this course as it sees fit but will inform TRINE of the amount that has been charged.

TRINE will accept one faculty member from VAAGDEVI designated to teach one of the Gateway courses and/or to ensure overall instructional quality and ongoing oversight of the program to visit TRINE for one or more months as agreed upon by TRINE and VAAGDEVI. TRINE will provide housing, access to facilities at TRINE, and a faculty mentor.

Article IV - Graduate Transfer Credit

Applicants who are completing or who have completed a master's degree or postgraduate diploma, or who have taken graduate coursework at VAAGDEVI may, depending on the relevance of the coursework, transfer up to 6 credits into Trine University's master's programs.

Article V - Undergraduate Twinning Programs

TRINE and VAAGDEVI will explore undergraduate twinning programs (2+2). VAAGDEVI and TRINE will select two or three undergraduate programs where course work from VAAGDEVI after the first two years could be accepted at TRINE for degree completion after two years of study at TRINE and the awarding of a TRINE undergraduate degree.

The twinning program will be established with a view of enhancing VAAGDEVI's outreach and reputation as a premier institution of higher education by providing an international track for select students and for enriching the programs being offered at VAAGDEVI. The collaboration for TRINE will also enhance its educational quality and reputation through alliance with a premier institution in India.

It will provide an added benefit to students by reducing the cost of undergraduate higher education in the US, especially at a selective and highly ranked comprehensive university like Trine.

Furthermore, in recognition of this special collaboration, TRINE will award merit scholarships for undergraduate programs to VAAGDEVI students. The level of the scholarship will depend on the academic qualifications of the student. Students must also demonstrate evidence of English proficiency.

Article VI - Mutual Visits

TRINE and VAAGDEVI will explore other possible exchanges such as mutual visits by university administrators, faculty exchanges, visits to VAAGDEVI by TRINE students, visits to TRINE by VAAGDEVI students, and so on. Details of such exchanges will be worked out at a later date when as needed.

Article VII - Local laws

Visitors to both schools must observe local laws and regulations. Violation of laws of the host country or regulations of the host university shall subject the visiting students/scholars to immediate withdraw of his/her immigration and academic sponsorship and/or to immediate expulsion from the host country without refund of tuition or program fees.

Article VIII - Indemnity Protection

Except to the extent of their negligence or intentional misconduct, neither TRINE nor VAAGDEVI, nor persons acting on their behalf will be responsible to the other of them for any injury to or death of persons or damage to or destruction of property or for any other loss, damage or injury of any kind whatsoever resulting from their performance of their respective duties and obligations under this Agreement.

Article IX - Date of Implementation

This agreement shall take effect immediately when signed by President of TRINE and Vice-Chairman of VAAGDEVI. The agreement will be in effect for three years from the date of signing, subject to revision or modification by written agreement, and thereafter until either party terminates the agreement. The implementation of this agreement shall be guided by this agreement and by the results of mutual consultation after the agreement is signed and in writing.

Article X - Duration and Termination

Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause when it reasonably believes the other party has materially breached this Agreement by providing thirty (30) days' notice

and the opportunity to cure the breach. If the breaching party does not cure the breach within thirty (30) days, the agreement can be terminated.

After the initial three (3) year term, either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon thirty (30) days' notice to the other party. Students currently enrolled in a program contemplated under this Agreement will be allowed to finish their course of study.

For VAAGDEVI, notice shall be given to:

J. S. R. N. Laksh A.

Dean (authorized signatory)

Date 29/9/16

For Trine University, notice shall be given to:

[Signature]

Trine University
Angola, Indiana
USA

Date 29/9/2016

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