

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
Yerevan State University, Armenia,

AND

Glendale Community College**

I. Preamble

Glendale Community College is a public college duly authorized by the State of California and regionally accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. Yerevan State University is a public university established by the laws of the Republic of Armenia. Each institution provides undergraduate education and is legally constituted under the laws of its respective countries. Yerevan State University also provides graduate-level education leading to Masters and Doctorate degrees.

Given that qualified academic and scientific exchange is indispensable to universities and colleges in developing their educational and research activities, it is necessary to promote and encourage collaborations between institutions of higher learning in different countries. Having considered the mutual interests of Yerevan State University and Glendale Community College this Agreement will promote the development of a general framework for cooperation between the two institutions and is intended to facilitate future development of specific bilateral programs and collaboration.

This agreement is made in the spirit of cooperation and in agreement to the usefulness of establishing cultural, scientific and didactic relationships that support a meaningful exchange between students and faculty of each institution. It is understood that there is a mutual benefit in establishing joint projects between Glendale Community College (GCC) and Yerevan State University (YSU), by encouraging scholarly exchanges of ideas, promoting educational successes, and sharing of latest research findings between GCC and YSU faculties.

II. Mutual Goals and General Terms

The goal of this MOU is to further understand, cultivate and expand academic, social and cultural factors that impact global students in their respective settings. In consideration of the approval of the agreement expressed by the competent persons or bodies at each institution; the following general terms of agreement are stipulated:

- A. GCC and YSU will create an 'Exchange Task Force' (ETF) whose focus shall be on developing valuable joint programs and action plans to carry out the stated goals and objectives of this MOU. The task force will consist of a six-member team comprised of three members from GCC who are fluent in Armenian and three members from YSU who are fluent in English. Each institution is responsible for the selection and/or appointment process for their own members and ensuring their availability for participation.

1. The task force will operate for a three-year period and will be tasked with the development of enhanced institutional collaboration including recommending specific actions necessary to meet the overall goals and objectives outlined in this MOU.

B. Goal attainment and evaluation shall be an integral part of the culminating activities in order to assess the success of the joint programs and to monitor and adjust accordingly for such future efforts. In order to provide structure to the work of the task force, such recommendations should meet the following objectives:

1. Developing opportunities for institutional visits to improve further understanding of trends impacting global students;
2. Discussing educational experiences and sharing of research to improve pedagogy and learning;
3. Creating opportunities for interaction amongst student leaders to improve connectivity;
4. Exchanging of publications and informational reports as to the current successful educational practices;
5. Establishing joint cultural activities which are considered important in broadening global understanding and cultural awareness; and
6. Other areas as mutually agreed upon by the administration of each institution.

C. All plans and recommended actions developed by the task force shall be documented and presented to GCC and YSU Presidents for consideration. Each institution is responsible for determining the feasibility of each plan/recommendation including any costs associated with recommended programs. Any specific activity developed or recommended for implementation under this MOU shall be detailed in subsequent agreements, signed by each institution's authorized signatory, which will describe the scope of the proposed activity, intended outcomes, budget, and responsible departments or individuals.

III. *Jurisdictions and Future Commitments*

A. The Parties commit themselves to carry out the activities defined in this MOU in accordance to their respective competences, subject to the political and economic laws and regulations of their respective countries.

B. All activities shall be subject to the availability of funds and the approval of each institution's authorized representatives. This MOU does not commit either institution to activities or costs without subsequent approvals from the institution through formal agreements detailing costs and responsibilities.

C. This MOU does not create binding or enforceable legal obligations and/or rights of any kind with respect to the Parties, either to each other or to third parties, and does not create enforceable legal obligations and/or rights for any other person or entity.

IV. Terms of Agreement and Subsequent Actions

A. The present MOU will become effective from the date of signature by both Parties and will be valid for three years.

B. Either party may request termination of this agreement, in writing to the other party. Any activities in progress at the time of termination shall be permitted to conclude as planned unless otherwise agreed in writing.

C. Amendments to this MOU may be requested, in writing, by either party and approved by the authorized signatories.

D. Upon approval of this MOU by both parties, the appointed task force members shall begin communication and interaction with the other members of the task force. Initial meetings shall take place within the 90 days from approval. Within the framework of this MOU, task force members shall begin discussions on meeting the stipulated goals and objectives. The task force is empowered to bring recommendations as developed or as a final comprehensive plan based on the concurrence of the group. The interest of both parties is for expedient and effective recommendation to accomplish the mandates of this MOU; however, all recommendations shall be presented no later than 3 years from authorization of this MOU.

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