Memorandum of Agreement Between

Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University - Hyderabad (JNTUH)
Hyderabad, Telangana State, India
And

Central Michigan University (CMU), USA

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is entered into by and between Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University - Hyderabad (JNTUH) and the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees (CMU). The purpose of this MOA is to promote further cooperation between JNTUH and CMU and between India and the United States of America. They therefore enter into this formal statement of collaboration for the purpose of educational and cultural interchange.

Section 1: Institutional and/or Organizational Information

Central Michigan University, established in 1892, is a public institution in the United States. CMU, with an on-campus enrollment of more than 19,630 students and nearly 7,270 students off campus, has eight colleges (Science and Technology, Education and Human Services, Humanities and Social & Behavioral Sciences, Business Administration, Health Professions, Communications and Fine Arts, Medicine, and Graduate Studies). CMU offers students their choice of more than 200 programs at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. CMU is recognized for strong undergraduate education and a range of focused graduate and research programs.

Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University – Hyderabad, known as JNTUH, is an accredited university focusing on engineering, located in Kukatpally, Hyderabad, India. Founded in 1965 as the Nagarjuna Sagar Engineering College, it was established as a university in 1972 by The Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Act, which also combined colleges in Kakinada and Anantapur. In 2008 the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological Universities Act split the university back into four universities, Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University; Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Anantapur; Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad; and Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kakinada. JNTUH is located at Kukatpally. It has an 'A' grade accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

Section 2: Goals and Cooperative Reasoning

CMU and JNTUH enter into this agreement mutually to enhance the quality of international education of the two institutions and to specify the conditions under which JNTUH students may apply for admission to the Masters of Business Administration (MBA) and the Masters of Science in Information Systems (MSIS) programs at CMU. The two institutions have found it mutually beneficial to explore cooperative activities for the following purposes:

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- 1) Development of graduate and undergraduate programs of common interest;
- 2) Faculty and staff collaboration for teaching and /or research assignments;
- 3) Student collaboration for advanced studies and research;
- 4) Transfer of academic courses;
- 5) Organization and implementation of symposia, conferences and meetings; and
- 6) Collaboration and cooperation in a way that is considered mutually beneficial and of common interest to both parties.

It is understood that the details of joint activities, conditions for utilization of the results achieved, and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges and all other forms of cooperation will be negotiated for each specific case. Also it is understood that any financial arrangements will be negotiated in each specific case and will depend upon the availability of funds. Each party agrees to seek financial resources for supporting such exchanges and collaboration.

Section 3: Definition, Law and Interpretation

In this agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

- 1) JNTUH refers to Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University located in Hyderabad. This agreement applies to students transferring with transcripts from JNTU Hyderabad and does not apply to any other campuses of JNTU nor to any affiliate colleges or universities.
- 2) CMU refers to Central Michigan University located at 1200 S. Franklin Street, Mount Pleasant, Michigan, USA.

Section 4: Requirements Common to all JNTUH Students Who Apply to CMU

Applicants must meet CMU admission requirements for international students and CMU regular admission requirements. Applicants for graduate programs must meet the regular admission requirements of the College of Graduate Studies and the specific graduate program at CMU. This agreement is for students from JNTUH admitted to the Masters in Business Administration (MBA) and the Masters of Science in Information Systems (MSIS) programs offered by CMU.

Students enrolling at CMU are responsible for all living expenses. Students enrolling at CMU will also be responsible for paying the instate Michigan tuition rate. This reduced tuition rate will apply to all MBA and MSIS courses taken by those students to complete the program. The total cohort from JNTUH enrolling in each academic year must be at least four students for the instate tuition rate to apply.

Section 5: Terms and Conditions

CMU and JNTUH enter into this agreement for collaborative graduate degree programs in the CMU College of Business Administration, specifically the MBA and the MSIS programs. It is the intent of this

program that students will begin their studies at JNTUH and then transfer to CMU to complete requirements for the MBA or MSIS degree programs.

Students enrolled at JNTUH in its Master of Business Administration program (MBA students at JNTUH) may transfer work toward a Master of Business Administration degree program at CMU. Students enrolled at JNTUH in its Master of Science in Information Systems or similar program (MSIS students at JNTUH) may transfer work toward a Masters of Science in Information Systems degree program at CMU.

Requirements for participation in either program, in addition to those contained in Section 3, are as follows:

- 1) Candidates will be recommended by JNTUH on criteria to be mutually established with CMU.
- 2) MBA or MSIS students at JNTUH may transfer a maximum of 12 credits to CMU. These transfer credits will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the course work the student has completed and the career plan the student intends to pursue.
- 3) Students at JNTUH will pay the regular tuition and fees for all credits earned at JNTUH.
- 4) MBA and MSIS students at JNTUH must meet regular admission requirements for the CMU program and have completed prerequisite courses. The two institutions will agree in advance on those courses and credits from JNTUH that are prerequisites for admission to CMU and the JNTUH courses that will satisfy specific course requirements of the CMU programs.
- 5) Candidates for admission to the MBA or MSIS program at CMU are subject to final approval by the CMU College of Business Administration.
- 6) Students must earn a minimum of 24 semester credits from CMU that apply to the MBA or MSIS program, in addition to the 12 transfer credits, in order to receive a degree from CMU.
- 7) Students must complete all requirements established by CMU prior to the award of the MBA or MSIS degree.
- 8) CMU reserves the right to limit the number of students it accepts under this MOA.

Section 6: Primary Contacts

The liaisons for this MOA will be:

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Section 7: Abiding by Institutional Policies

Each party agrees to refrain in the implementation of this MOA from any action which violates established policies, procedures, and practices of the other institution.

Section 8: Amendment, Duration, Extension/Renewal, Termination

- 1) This MOA becomes effective when it is signed by both parties. This MOA will remain in force for students entering the program until and including the fall semester 2026.
- 2) This MOA may be amended at any time by written consent of both parties.
- 3) Either party may terminate the agreement at least six months before the beginning of the academic year by sending written notice to the other party. Under such circumstances, students already participating in the MBA or MSIS programs will be allowed to remain at CMU to complete the program under conditions spelled out in this MOA.
- 4) If either party decides not to renew this MOA after it expires, students already participating in the program under this MOA at CMU will be allowed to complete the program under conditions spelled out in this agreement.

Section 9: Other Terms

- 1) Both parties will hold discussions to resolve any issues that arise during the implementation of this MOA.
- 2) Disputes concerning this MOA shall be resolved by consultation between the liaisons for the two universities. If these liaisons cannot resolve the dispute, it shall be referred to higher representatives of each university. If it cannot be resolved by the higher representatives, it will be referred to the president of the institutions. If these persons cannot resolve the dispute, the MOA will be mutually terminated. Under such circumstances, students and faculty already participating in the program will be allowed to remain at CMU to complete the MBA or MSIS programs under conditions spelled out in this MOA.
- 3) No party to this MOA shall be deemed to be in default of or shall be liable for the non-performance of any obligation in this document if such non-performance is caused by or attributable to any occurrence which is beyond the reasonable control of the party affected.

 $\hat{u}_{\gamma'}$ signing thus document, we agree on behalf of our institutions to comply with its terms.

Dr. N. Yadaiah, Registrar

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