



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL (EE.UU)

AND

THE UNIVERSITAT DE VALÈNCIA (SPAIN)

On the one hand, María Vicenta Mestre Escrivá, honourable Rector of the Universitat de València as its representative, addressed in Valencia, Avda. Blasco Ibáñez, 13,

On the other, Michael E. Vayda honourable Provost and Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs of the University of Massachusetts Lowell as its representative, addressed in University Crossing, 4th Floor, 220 Pawtucket Street, Lowell, MA 01854-2874.

STATE

That drawn by the willingness to reinforce the existing academic relationships and establish new ones, and with the necessary mutual legal capacity to sign the present Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") on behalf of the institution that they represent.

CLAUSES

FIRST

The present MOU has been designed to facilitate university cooperation in both academic and research fields, during the three academic years of higher education.



SECOND

In order to carry out this cooperative programme, both parties agree to:

1) Use reasonable efforts to communicate the results of their pedagogical experiences (courses, seminars, etc.) as available to meet the needs of respective student participants in the exchange.

2) Use reasonable efforts to inform the partner institution about any congresses, debates, science meetings and seminars organized by each university, and exchange those documents and publications resulting from their activities.

3) Promote, according to each country's regulations, lecturers' participation in courses, conferences, seminars and congresses organized by the partner institution, as stated in the yearly cooperative programmes. Such promotion shall be consistent with, and limited by, any applicable policy of the partner institution and at the discretion of the partner institution.

4) Promote, whenever possible, lecturers' exchanges for a specified period of time, being academic or research activities their main objectives. Exchanges shall be subject to the policies of the departments involved. Such promotion shall be consistent with, and limited by, any applicable policy of the partner institution and at the discretion of the partner institution.

5) Accept students from the sister institution provided they meet existing admission requirements established by the host institution and under suitably established conditions. As regards medical insurance, the students shall be under the jurisdiction of the receiving institution.

6) Both the concrete cooperation programs and the actions for students Exchange will require the signature of a specific agreement that will include, at least, the number of students to be exchanged, the duration, the degrees offered, and any information that should be taken under consideration. The mentioned specific agreements will be added as an appendix to this framework MOU.

THIRD

The specific cooperative programmes shall be drawn up annually and appended to this MOU.



FOURTH

Each institution shall endeavour to reserve in their budgets the necessary funds for the application of the MOU and to obtain the complementary financial help or subsidies.

FIFTH

Each institution will appoint a representative in order to define and organise the cooperation programmes between both institutions.

1. Prof. Thomas Piñeros Shields, Department of Sociology is appointed as representative by the University of Massachusetts Lowell and Prof. Carles X. Simó Noguera, from the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology as a representative by the Universitat de València.

2. The representatives will be in charge of drawing up the annual work calendar and deal with unsettled questions. They shall meet alternatively at both institutions unless otherwise stated.

SIXTH

The present MOU shall be passed by each institution's relevant Bodies and signed by their respective Rectors or heads and shall enter into force on the date of the final signature hereto.

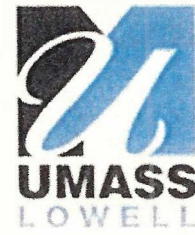
The duration of this MOU is three (3) years, unless denounced by three (3) month prior written notice and without affecting the completion of any activity underway at the time. The duration of the MOU can be extended by equal periods at the initiative of any of the parties, prior written MOU, before the date of its conclusion.

SEVENTH

Any modification to this MOU, by common consent with both institutions, shall require the same proceedings as for its initial drawing up.



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EIGHTH

A Joint Committee for Supervision and Control is created, formed by those responsible for it mentioned in Clause Five. This committee shall be in charge of the resolution of problems that may arise regarding its interpretation and enforcement.

TRANSPARENCY CLAUSE

Complying with Law 2/2015, of 2 April, of the Generalitat (Valencian Government) regarding Transparency, Good Governance and Citizen Participation in the Comunitat Valenciana (hereinafter LTCV), the Universitat de València shall proceed to publish the following information on its transparency portal: the present MOU and its full text, the subsidy and/or funding linked to this MOU, if any, indicating the amount, objective or purpose and the beneficiaries (individuals or entities).

The MOU has been signed in Valencia and in English, two copies for each language, all of them being identical and equally valid.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL

UNIVERSITAT DE VALENCIA,

Michael E Vayda, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Prof. Dr. María Vicenta Mestre Escrivá
RECTOR



Date: **6-6-2018**

Date: **16 JUL. 2018**