



Sveučilište u Rijeci  
University of Rijeka

## Memorandum of Understanding

between

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of  
The Institute of Higher Education at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, U.S.A.

and

The Center for Advanced Studies, Southeast Europe (CAS SEE) at the University of Rijeka, Croatia

This agreement is made and entered into on the date of the final signature hereto, by and between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, USA and the Center for Advanced Studies, Southeast Europe (CAS SEE) at the University of Rijeka, Croatia.

Whereas the Institute of Higher Education (hereafter referred to as IHE) and the Center for Advanced Studies, Southeast Europe (CAS SEE) at the University of Rijeka (hereafter referred to as CAS SEE) desire to engage in cooperative educational and research activities for the mutual benefit of both institutions, the parties have agreed to the following:

### I. Introduction

The Higher Education Initiative for Southeastern Europe (HEISEE) is an educational development project initiated by the University of Georgia's Institute of Higher Education in the United States and conducted in its initial phase as a collaboration with Croatian colleagues at the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, the Institute for the Development of Education (NGO), the Agency for Science and Higher Education (ASHE) and the University of Rijeka, while also working in cooperation with the Embassy of the United States in Zagreb. During the next period of development, HEISEE will function within the CAS SEE, whose office will serve as an incubator for HEISEE's evolution.

### II. Initiative Objectives

- Promote and assist in developing the highest quality teaching among HEISEE institutions; stimulate excellence in institutional management and governance through appropriate degree programs and continuing professional education seminars;
- Build institutional research capacity and encourage collaboration among institutions and individuals in studying about and doing research in the field of higher education;
- Serve as a regional repository for data dealing with higher education;
- Develop networks to share and determine best practices in all facets of higher education;
- Provide expertise and consultation on the development of higher education policy and on the solving of problems related to the operation of higher education institutions; and,
- Promote the understanding, development, and implementation of public service and outreach (PSO) in the higher education community.

### III. Activities

The cooperative activities to be covered by this agreement may include faculty and student exchanges, collaborative research programs, seminars and workshops, and service programs. Each activity to be performed under this agreement will be undertaken pursuant to an addendum that will contain the specific terms and conditions governing the activity. These terms and conditions will be mutually agreed upon by the two institutions on a case by case basis.

#### IV. Funding

Each institution will be responsible for seeking funds to support its involvement in the cooperative activities contemplated under this agreement, and all such activities will be dependent upon the budgetary appropriations of the parties.

#### V. Regulations and Coordination

All activities developed hereunder will be in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations of the home and host institutions, and all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations.

The University of Georgia appoints Dr. Libby V. Morris, Director of the Institute of Higher Education, and the University of Rijeka appoints Dr. Snježana Prijic-Samarzija, Director of the Center for Advanced Studies, Southeast Europe, to coordinate the development and implementation of this agreement.

#### VI. Agreement Terms

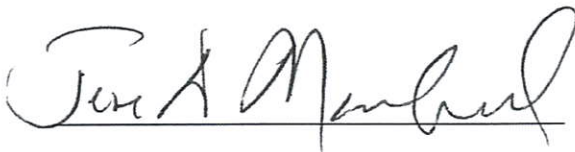
This agreement will be in effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of execution and may be renewed for an additional five (5) year period by the parties. Either party giving ninety days written notice to the other party may terminate the agreement provided that such termination will not affect the completion of any activity underway at the time or any previously advertised activity in which commitments to university students have been made.

#### VII. Modifications

All modifications to this agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.

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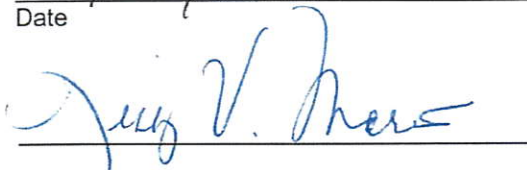
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5/16/16  
Date



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