Memorandum of Understanding
(International Academic Links)

Deakin University (Deakin)
Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM)
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Parties

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(Deakin)

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(CUTM)

Background

A. The parties wish to establish a cooperative relationship with the aim of developing and fostering
academic links and exchanges between their two institutions. It is particularly recognised that
there is potential for collaboration between Deakin University’s Institute of Koorie Education, and
Centurion University’s Institute of Knowledge Societies in respect of indigenous educational
issues and for significant potential academic collaboration.

B. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out the framework for the cooperative
relationship between the parties.

Provisions

1. Effective Date and Duration of MOU

This MOU takes effect on the date the last party signs and will continue for a period of five years.
Prior to the expiry of this MOU the parties may agree in writing to extend it for a further five year
period.

2. Areas of Co-Operation

The parties will discuss opportunities for collaboration between them including:

(a) in collaboration with CUTM’s Institute of Knowledge Societies, with its focus on
Tribal/Indigenous knowledge, organisation of joint conferences, symposia, workshops or
other meetings on topics of mutual interest relevant to research and coursework degrees
within the partnership;

(b) development of an International Journal of Indigenous knowledge;

(c) possibilities for Indigenous artist and Thinker in Residence exchanges;

(d) development and implementation of staff exchange programs;

(e) development and implementation of student exchange programs, including cross cultural
immersion and research programs in and amongst indigenous communities, and industry
placements;
(f) exploration of joint research to examine ways of developing entrepreneurship using indigenous knowledge and creating livelihoods thereon, helping to make indigenous ways of life sustainable within a modern context;

(g) identification and cooperation on short term projects of mutual benefit to both institutions, such as the study of indigenous agricultural practices;

(h) collaboration between Deakin's Institute of Koorie Education and CUTM's Institute of Knowledge Societies to develop international partnerships for submission of research funding applications to the Australian Research Council (ARC) for Indigenous grants related to:

(i) models of community-based learning delivery and capacity building through community;

(ii) engagement;

(iii) the interface between technology and Indigenous cultures; meta research on CUTM model as new paradigm in Higher Education delivery; and

(i) cooperation in the evaluation of the methods and quality of teaching and early childhood learning among indigenous communities;

(j) development of a corporate executive exchange program to provide Australian corporate executives with an understanding of the Indian business environment and culture;

(k) collaboration in the development of online management training leading to a degree for personnel managing Not for Profit organisations;

(l) exploration of opportunities for research collaboration in Environmental Engineering/sustainable agriculture between Deakin's Centre for Regional and Rural Futures (CeRRF) and Centurion's M S Swaminathan School of Agriculture;

(m) co-operation in the development of funding bids under the New Colombo Plan;

(n) provision of research programs and Higher Degree by Research for CUTM students including joint supervision by Deakin and CUTM;

(o) development of visiting scholar opportunities for up to three staff per year to gain understanding of institutional methodology and infrastructure; and

(p) any other collaborative efforts the parties consider to be appropriate from time to time.

3. Activities and Projects

Each collaborative activity or project to be initiated under this MOU will be subject to a further agreement between the parties. Such agreements will set out the parties' obligations and responsibilities and the conditions relating to each activity or project and compliance with applicable laws, including without limitation, the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (Cth).

4. Management and Oversight

As soon as possible after this MOU has come into operation the parties must agree on a strategy for its management and oversight. The agreed strategy must include the following elements:

(a) regular communication between representatives of the parties in relation to this MOU;

(b) an equitable decision-making process;
(c) procedures for reviewing the progress of collaborative activities and projects initiated under this MOU; and

(d) procedures for identifying and prioritising new opportunities for collaboration.

5. Legal Effect of this MOU

This MOU outlines the framework of a working relationship between the parties. Except as expressly noted, it is not intended to constitute a contract, but is built on goodwill and is binding in honour only. No partnership or joint venture is created by this MOU, and neither party can commit the other financially or otherwise to third parties.

6. Confidentiality

Each party shall keep confidential all information or material acquired or produced in connection with this MOU and will not without prior written consent of the other party use or disclose or otherwise make available this information or material in any form to any person. This provision is binding on the parties and will survive the termination or expiry of this MOU.

7. Intellectual Property

Ownership of intellectual property shared by the parties pursuant to this MOU will remain with the contributor or creator. All such material must be treated as confidential and not for public circulation unless specifically agreed otherwise by both parties. This provision is binding on the parties and will survive the termination or expiry of this MOU.

8. Use of Name and Logo

A party will not use the name or logo or any variation of the name or logo of the other party, or of any member of the other party, or its employees or students, in any publicity, advertising or news release without the prior written approval of an authorised representative of that party.

9. Standards of Performance

The parties agree that all obligations under this MOU and any agreement resulting from this MOU will be performed in a manner protective of and consistent with both parties' reputation for excellence and integrity in education, research and scholarship.

10. Termination

Either party may terminate this MOU by providing a minimum of six months written notice to the other party. The termination of this MOU will not affect any activity or project that is the subject of a further agreement between the parties unless the relevant agreement provides otherwise.
Execution and Date

Executed as an agreement.

Date: 7th April 2015

Signed for and on behalf of Deakin University by its duly authorised officer in the presence of:

[Signature]

Signature of witness

Name of witness (please print)

Signed for and on behalf of Centurion University of Technology and Management by its duly authorised officer in the presence of:

[Signature]

Signature of witness

Name of witness (please print)

Professor Jane den Hollander, Vice-Chancellor
Date: 07/04/2015

Professor Muki Mishra, President
Date: 07/04/2015