

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE, U.S.A.

and

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA, YEREVAN, ARMENIA

October 26, 2015 – October 25, 2020

In the spirit of international cooperation, and in recognition of the mutual educational interests and research aspirations of the two institutions, California State University, Northridge (CSUN), located in Northridge, California, United States, and the American University of Armenia (AUA), located in Yerevan, Armenia agree to work together to explore a broad range of possible scholarly and educational collaborations including, but not limited to, the following:

- ❖ The exchange of faculty and students between the two institutions, as well as joint teaching and research projects.
- ❖ Admission of each other's undergraduate and graduate students in keeping with the academic standards, rules, procedures, policies and practices of each institution for international students.

If the exploration of possible collaboration yields an idea for a specific academic initiative or exchange, CSUN and AUA agree to develop a separate written agreement or memorandum of understanding (MOU) that details the specific terms of the initiative/exchange in question. It is also understood that such a separate MOU would require full review and approval in keeping with the policies and practices at CSUN and AUA.

This MOU for exploration of possibilities does not involve any immediate funding or other institutional resources. However, each institution shall support development of joint programs, as feasible, and shall be responsible for the cost of its participation in projects and activities, unless otherwise agreed upon in advance in writing.

This general institutional friendship MOU, once endorsed by the approving authorities at CSUN and AUA, will become effective October 26, 2015 and will be valid until October 25, 2020. Either institution may terminate the agreement in advance of its normal expiration, provided that written notice is provided from the terminating institution to the president of the other. This MOU may be renewed with the written agreement of both parties.

Signatures confirming acceptance of the terms outlined above and the spirit of shared educational values and aspirations it represents:


 President Dianne F. Harrison Date
 California State University, Northridge


 President Armen Der Kiureghian Date
 American University of Armenia