



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

REGENT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
DANSOMAN-ACCRA, GHANA

AND

DALTON STATE COLLEGE,
DALTON, GEORGIA, U.S.A.

Congruent with the promotion of international cooperation and friendship in the fields of education and research, Regent University College of Science and Technology, Accra, Ghana (RUCST) and Dalton State College, Dalton, Georgia, United States of America, enter into this memorandum of understanding.

This memorandum of understanding between the two institutions represents a statement of intent by the parties herein to work together for furthering international cooperation, education and research in the common interests of the two institutions and their respective countries.

In this interest:

Regent University College of Science and Technology, Dansoman – Accra, Ghana
and
Dalton State College, Dalton, Georgia, USA

Declare their willingness to collaborate and promote international educational initiatives, which include but not limited to the areas stated in the current Memorandum of Understanding.

1. LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF BOTH UNIVERSITIES

Regent University College of Science and Technology (RUCST) is empowered by its bylaws to enter into cooperative agreements of this nature with other universities in regard to the subjects related to the achievement of its goals and objectives, as stated in its bylaws, in order to further contribute to the achievement of such goals and objectives.

Dalton State College is one of the 35 universities of the University System of Georgia. The President of the College may initiate agreements with foreign institutions of higher education to enhance international goodwill and understanding through programs of academic exchange.

2. REGENT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND DALTON STATE COLLEGE COMMON INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES

By reason of their very essence as colleges and universities, Regent University College of Science and technology (RUCST) and Dalton State College share interests and objectives in academic exchange and scientific research matters. Both institutions are interested in establishing academic cooperation agreements with institutions of similar nature in order to assist in the achievement of their goals and objectives in such matters.

3. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

Regent University of Science and Technology and Dalton State College jointly agree to subscribe to a cooperative agreement in order to promote the following activities between both universities:

A. Exchange of students, teaching and research personnel:

- a. Regent University College and Dalton State College agree to facilitate the educational exchange of faculty. They also agree to promote collaborative research between faculty members.
- b. There will be mutual exchange of students and faculty from the two sister institutions. The modalities involved in respect of payment of fees and insurance by students from the respective institutions in such exchanges will be mutually agreed upon by the principal officers of the two cooperating institutions before implementation.

The exchange program shall be based on the following provisions:

- i. ***Number of students to be exchanged:*** The number of qualified students to be exchanged will be determined by mutual agreement between the two institutions at any particular time.
- ii. ***Students' program fees/benefits at host institution:*** Each student will pay his or her regular tuition and fees to the home institution and will not be required to pay any tuition to the host institution. Each student will be responsible for paying travel, housing expenses, meal costs and miscellaneous fees such as special course fees, key deposits books, etc. The host institution will assist student in advance and upon request to make arrangements for accommodation. The host institution shall provide a general orientation for incoming students.
- iii. ***Insurance:*** Each student will provide his or her own health and accident insurance. Proof of adequate insurance coverage must be provided to the international office at the USA/Ghanaian host institution.
- iv. ***Student Eligibility:*** It is understood that both institutions will strive to designate only well-qualified individuals for participation in the program and that academic backgrounds will be provided to the

host institution. Each home institution is responsible for recruitment, selection, and pre-program orientation of participants.

- v. *Academic Status*: Students enrolled in the host institution will be subject to the same rules and regulations as local students. The host institution will provide the home institution with a final transcript describing the student's academic performance. Until Regent University College is granted a national charter, the degrees of the various programs that the two institutions shall collaborate to run, shall be issued by Dalton State College.
- vi. *Exchange Coordinator*: Each party to the agreement will appoint an officer or officers who will be responsible for the coordination and administration of all aspects of the exchange including the counseling of the exchange participants.

B. Development of joint degree programs:

- a. Regent University College and Dalton State College will cooperate to establish courses, programs and services deemed necessary on an international level.
- b. Regent University College will cooperate with Dalton State College to run undergraduate programs that the two institutions will agree upon individually; such joint programs may result in the issuance of single or double degrees.

C. Cooperative development of courses and academic programs:

- a. Both institutions declare that they will cooperate in the field of capacity building which will enable them fulfill their mission and vision of providing high quality international standard tertiary education in Ghana.

D. Development of joint scientific and/or technological research projects:

- a. Regent University College and Dalton State College will subsequently cooperate in building international partnerships which will assist in raising

human and material resources required in tackling development needs. The depth of the projects and capacities as well as research projects and consultancies will be of interest to the two institutions and their scholars.

E. Any other activity of mutual interest regarding academic or scientific and technological research matters:

The two institutions will engage in any other activity of mutual interest regarding academic or scientific and technological research matters.

4. EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT

The specific activities to be carried out under this agreement will be stated in corresponding specific sub-agreements. Such specific sub-agreements, once approved by both parties, will be attached as annexes to this agreement.

TRANSFERS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Students in both institutions are participating in a joint degree program under this agreement. Dalton State College and RUCST agree that students from Ghana are not eligible to transfer directly from Dalton State College to another university in the US except by returning to Ghana and seeking a separate visa as an international transfer student at the other institution.

5. SPECIFIC SUB-AGREEMENTS

The specific sub-agreements between both universities will specify their objectives, conditions and ways of execution, financial support, terms of validity, and administrative responsibility within each institution.

6. TERM AND TERMINATION

The initial term of this agreement will be for a period of one year commencing on the date it is signed by both parties. The agreement shall automatically be renewed on a biennial basis for a maximum of four (4) one-year terms, unless a written notification of intent to terminate the agreement is received at least sixty (60) days prior to the renewal date. Any changes or

other considerations to this agreement shall be made only by the mutual consent of both parties and appended to this document in writing.

This Memorandum of Understanding does not commit either party to signing any other Activity Agreement. The parties will retain full discretion to choose to participate in any other activity.

For legal purposes, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating joint venture, an agency relationship, or legal partnership between parties.

7. COORDINATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Administration of the Memorandum of Understanding shall be the responsibility of the President of Regent University College of science and Technology (RUCST) and the President of Dalton State College. Any additions, changes, or deletions must be approved by these representatives of both universities. All notices shall be in writing and shall be directed to these individuals as follows:

To Regent University College of Science and Technology (RUCST):

Prof. Emmanuel Kingsley Larbi
President and CEO
Regent University College of Science and Technology
P. O. Box DS 1636
Dansoman – Accra, Ghana

To Dalton State College:

Dr. John O. Schwenn
President
Dalton State College
650 College Drive
Dalton, GA 30720
U.S.A.

8. EFFECTIVENESS

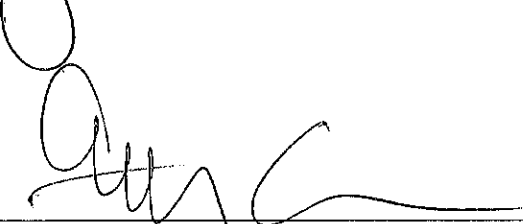
This memorandum shall come into effect upon the date of the last signature set forth below.

For and on Behalf of **Dalton State College**



Dr. John O. Schwenn, President

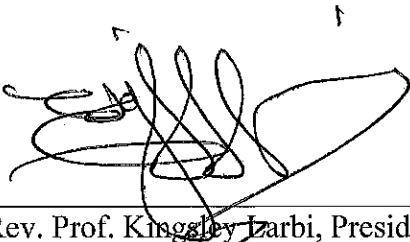
10-30-09
Date



Dr. Henry M. Codjoe, Director
Institutional Research & Planning

10-30-09
Date

For and on Behalf of **Regent University College of Science and Technology**



Rev. Prof. Kingsley Larbi, President and CEO

10-30-09
Date



Dr. Charles Owiredu, Provost
Vice President for Academic Affairs

10-30-09
Date

ATTACHMENT

Memorandum of Understanding between Regent University College of Science and Technology, Accra – Ghana, and Dalton State University, Dalton, Georgia, USA

Programs for Immediate Implementation

Time Line: Within the Next 12 months

1. Associate of Science/Bachelor of Science in Nursing *
2. Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair

*We wish to, collaborate with you, start a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing program within the next twelve months. Those who complete the first two years of study will all be issued with the Associate of Arts in Nursing degree. Those who choose to continue in the program will be required to do the remaining two more years in order to get the Bachelor's degree. The Associate of Arts program will be based upon your curriculum. We will have to work together to produce the curriculum for the four-year program.

We will, in due course send you a draft proposal for a separate MOU for this program.

Programs for Future Implementation

Time Line: Within the Next 24 months

1. Pre-Physician/Physician Assistant
2. Medical Radiologic Technology/Science – Radiation Therapy Technology
3. Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)
4. Surgical Technology/Technologist
5. Respiratory Therapy
6. Pre-pharmacy/Pharmacy
7. Emergency Services Management
8. Medical Laboratory Technology