

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

between

SAINT-JOSEPH UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT (UNIVERSITE SAINT-JOSEPH)
(LEBANON)

and

[SYRIAN PRIVATE UNIVERSITY OF SYRIA]
(SYRIA)

Preamble

Wishing to contribute to the promotion of the cultural, scientific and pedagogical cooperation between Lebanon and Syria based on the friendship relations that traditionally bond the two countries,

Guided by the desire to establish a university relationship between the two parties in the training and research fields,

The Saint Joseph University of Beirut, on the one hand, represented by its Rector, Professor Salim DACCACHE s.j., and the Syrian Private University of Syria, on the other hand, represented by its President, Professor Abdulrazak Cheikh Issa, have agreed to sign an agreement of cultural, scientific and pedagogical cooperation that will be presented to the University Council or to the supervisory authorities, according to the prescribed rules in force in each of the contracting universities.

Article 1

The present agreement aims at setting up and developing the cultural, scientific and pedagogical exchanges between the two parties and at facilitating the establishment of common projects.

The two parties particularly undertake to (i) encourage the exchange of teachers, researchers and students and (ii) define and achieve the joined programs of training and research.

Article 2

Each action undertaken according to this agreement will be the object of a specific agreement that shall precise the nature, terms and conditions, duration and financing of this action.

Specific agreements can be established, within the scope of the present agreement, between institutions or departments dependent of the contracting parties, subject to the agreement of the competent authority in each university.

Article 3

In order to achieve the objectives stipulated in Article 1, the contracting parties will do their best insofar as they are able:

- a) to encourage the exchange of teachers for a specific duration, in the teaching field as well as in research, and to facilitate their stay during their mission;
- b) to elaborate joint research programs that meet the interest of the two parties, to facilitate the participation of teachers and researchers concerned by the achievement of these programs, and to communicate, as far as possible and if the other party requests it, the publications of the researchers and the research teams of the concerned institutions;

- c) to exchange students, more particularly students enrolled in the master's and doctorate's programs, subject to the admission terms in force in the host institution, and knowing that:
- Candidates are chosen by the home institution of origin and suggested to the host institution for acceptance;
 - Selected students stay registered in their institution of origin where they pay their registration and tuition fees and are exempted from them in the host institution. However, it is specifically agreed that this exemption is total in case of an equal exchange, and partial in case of a non-equal exchange; in the case of the latter, each supernumerary student will pay to the host institution 50% of the registration and tuition fees paid by its own students. The same applies to a student who wishes to follow in the host institution, during his/her stay, courses other than the ones stipulated in the specific exchange agreement (particularly, but not exclusively, language or civilization courses); the student should then pay to the host institution 50% of the registration and tuition fees related to these courses.
 - At the end of each mobility, the home institutions provides the student a transcript of records.
- d) to jointly organize scientific symposia, conferences and meetings, to inform one another of these activities and to exchange all related publications and documents, if need be.
- e) to undertake any action that complies with the objectives of the present agreement.

Article 4

Subject to present or future budgetary constraints, the parties are bound to search, separately or jointly, for the financial means necessary for the execution of the decided actions.

Article 5

The parties will establish each year a common assessment of the actions achieved and those in progress. A report will follow this assessment.

Article 6

The present agreement will be approved by the competent authorities, according to the prescribed rules in force in each of the contracting universities. It will come into force after the approval, starting the date of affixing the last signature.

It is valid for three (3) years, renewable by express agreement and can be modified at any time by the common approval of the parties.

In case of an express or tacit renewal, the agreement should be again approved by the competent authorities, according to paragraph 1 of the present article. The same procedure will take place in case of a modification.

The agreement can be denounced after a six(6)-month-written notice by one of the parties, providing that the students' rights be preserved and without causing prejudice to the actions in progress.

Drawn in two original copies, each party keeping one.

For
Saint Joseph University
Beirut, 2./5/2016



Professor Salim DACCACHE, s.j.
Rector

For
Syrian Private University
Syria, 02/05/2016

Professor Abdulrazak Cheikh Issa
President

