MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

State University of Santa Catarina - UDESC

AND

LAUREA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Recognizing the mutual benefits to be gained through educational and scientific cooperation and through strengthened contacts between faculty members and students of the two higher education institutions, Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland, (hereinafter Laurea) and State University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, (hereinafter UDESC), hereby agree to enter into a cooperative agreement.

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate and develop educational and research cooperation and mobility between Laurea and UDESC. This agreement establishes the general principles and conditions under which the collaboration will be pursued. Subject to mutual consent, the areas of cooperation can include any field and faculty represented at both higher education institutions. Cooperation may be carried out through such activities as:

- Exchange of students
- Exchange of teachers, researchers and other staff
- Research cooperation
- Development of joint modules or programmes
- Joint projects
- Organisation and participation in conferences, seminars and workshops.

The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this agreement shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both partners prior to the initiation of that activity. Agreements should make financial costs and obligations explicit. Collaborating units are encouraged to work together to identify and secure outside funding which may be needed. Each institution shall designate a liaison officer to develop and coordinate the specific activities agreed upon.

The agreement will come into effect with the appropriate signatures of each institution. It will continue for a period of 5 years, but may be terminated by the appropriate authorities of either party giving six months written notice to the other party.

For Laurea University of Applied Sciences

For State University of Santa Catarina

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