



ARISTOTLE
UNIVERSITY OF
THESSALONIKI

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
between
THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON
Boston, Massachusetts, USA
and
ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI
Thessaloniki, Greece**

University of Massachusetts Boston
*"Toward the Student-Centered, Urban Public Research University of
the New Century"*
<http://www.umb.edu/>

With a growing reputation for innovative research addressing complex urban issues, the University of Massachusetts at Boston, founded in 1964, is metropolitan Boston's only public research university, offering its diverse student population both an intimate learning environment and the rich experience of a great American city. Its ten colleges and graduate schools (<http://www.umb.edu/academics/>) serve more than 16,000 students at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels while engaging local, national, and international constituents through academic programs, research centers, and public service activities. UMass Boston, which proudly speaks of itself as "a research university with a teaching soul," is increasingly recognized as a national model of excellence for urban universities. As of Fall 2014, the university's 11 colleges and schools offer 91 undergraduate programs, 60 Master's degree programs (44 different degree programs and 16 tracks), 30 doctoral programs (19 different degree programs and 11 tracks, soon to be about 35 programs), and 37 graduate certificates including Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies.

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
<http://www.auth.gr>

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) was founded in 1925 as the second Greek university and today it is the biggest in the country. It comprises in total 41 Schools organized into 11 Faculties, of which 1 single-School Faculty (Law) (<http://www.auth.gr/faculties>). At AUTH are operating 61 Clinics (Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Faculties), 295 Laboratories and 23 Study Halls. AUTH's Central Library is one of the biggest in the Balkan region, together with 47 peripheral libraries of Faculties and Schools (17 of which institutionalized) form its library system. Operates 41 bachelor degree programmes

and 68 master degree programmes in individual Faculties and Schools, as well as interdisciplinary, inter-university and international. Furthermore there are 23 collaborations with foreign universities for co-supervised PhD, for Greek and foreign doctoral candidates. 64.000 undergraduate and more than 10.000 postgraduate and PhD students, of which 3.966 are international students, are registered in the Faculties and Schools of AUTH. The University participates in 48 Research Networks, implements more than 1.400 national, European and international research projects per year and cooperates closely with many universities, research institutions and enterprises in Greece and abroad.

The University of Massachusetts Boston, USA, hereafter referred to as UMass Boston and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, hereinafter referred to as AUTH, considering their common interests in promoting mutual cooperation in the areas of education and research, both parties, therefore, wish to formalize their partnership for collaboration and cooperation, and have set forth the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to develop academic and educational cooperation on the basis of equality and reciprocity, and to promote relations and mutual understanding between the two universities.

Article II: Scope of the Cooperation

Both parties agree to:

1. Promote reciprocal exchange of study-abroad programs in various formats for students, faculty, and staff;
2. Promote international research activities of both faculty and students, as well as staff researchers;
3. Foster collaboration and exchange of academic publications and information;
4. Promote various collaborations on third-party funded educational and research activities; and
5. Pursue and promote other academic activities (e.g., dual-degree programming, team or joint teaching, international conferences, symposia, seminars, and guest speaker series, among others).

Article III: Financial Arrangement

1. Both parties agree that all specific arrangements and plans for activities are to be negotiated, and are dependent on availability of funds.
2. Both parties agree to seek financial support from national and international organizations for the cooperative activities to be undertaken as stated under the terms of this MOU.

Article IV: Agreement of Implementation

1. This general MOU is designed to facilitate development of mutually beneficial exchanges/programs and to promote research and educational relationships, and should not be deemed to create legal and financial obligations between the parties.
2. Before any of the initiatives may be implemented, both parties shall negotiate detailed terms and conditions and resolve issues involved therewith, and enter into a specific cooperative agreement, referred to as a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) pertaining to that activity. Each such specific cooperative agreement shall be subject to the availability of any resources required for the initiative.
3. Any specific cooperative agreement, referred to as a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), shall include such items as:
 - A brief description of rationale and value of the initiative/program for both parties
 - Detailed terms and conditions involved
 - Elaboration of responsibilities of each institution for the agreed upon terms
 - Schedules for specific activities
 - Budgets and sources of financing for each activity
 - Any other items deemed necessary for efficient management

Article V: Settlement of Differences

Any differing viewpoints and interpretations of this MOU shall be settled amicably by mutual consultation or negotiation.

Article VI: Amendments, Duration and Termination

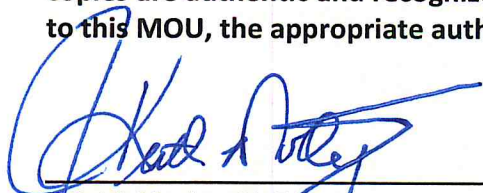
1. Amendments to this MOU can only be written by mutual consent for the two parties.
2. This MOU shall be in effect from the date of its signing and be valid for the duration of five (5) years from that date, and will be automatically renewed on an annual basis thereafter, unless terminated or replaced with a new MOU.
3. This MOU may be terminated by either party by written notice at least six (6) months in advance. Such notice of termination will not interfere with cooperative programs currently underway. Such programs will be allowed to continue until their conclusion.

Article VII: Administrative Supervision and Facilitation of the Partnership

1. Under the current MOU, all initiatives between the two institutions shall be appropriately facilitated and guided by each institution's official protocol for international affairs.
2. For administrative supervision and facilitation of the MOU, Assist. Prof. Tatiani Rapatzikou from School of English Language and Literature (trapatz@enl.auth.gr) at AUTH and Vice Provost for Global Programs at UMass Boston Dr. Schuyler S. Korban (Schuyler.Korban@umb.edu), will coordinate official protocols.
3. Either party may change its own designated liaison by sending written notice to the other party of such change.

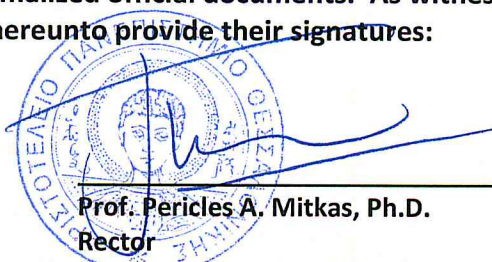
Article VIII. Signatures

This MOU is prepared in English and two (2) original copies of this MOU are produced. Both copies are authentic and recognized as formalized official documents. As witness of consent to this MOU, the appropriate authorities hereunto provide their signatures:



J. Keith Motley, Ph.D.
Chancellor
University of Massachusetts Boston
USA

Date:



Prof. Pericles A. Mitkas, Ph.D.
Rector
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
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Date: 23.2.2016

Witnessed by:



Winston Langley, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice Chancellor of
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Date: March 4, 2016




Prof. Ariadni Stogiannidou, Ph.D
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