



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

TASHKENT STATE UNIVERSITY OF LAW (Republic of Uzbekistan)

and

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC (United States of America)

This Memorandum is made and entered into as of this 01 day of July, by and between Tashkent State University of Law ("TSUL") and University of the Pacific (Pacific) for its McGeorge School of Law (McGeorge).

WHEREAS, TSUL and Pacific acknowledge their strong mutual friendship and existing collaboration; and

WHEREAS, TSUL and Pacific (hereinafter known individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties") desire to enrich their respective educational and research programs and to strengthen and expand the mutual contacts between both Parties;

NOW THEREFORE, in order to promote cooperation and exchange in education and research, the Parties hereby agree to the following:

<u>Article 1.</u> Spheres of cooperation

The Parties will endeavor to promote the following types of collaboration:

1. Student exchange programs and dual degree opportunities

2. Faculty exchange programs for teaching and research

4. Joint research projects and publications

5. Joint conferences, workshops, and seminars

6. Collaboration on grant proposals and funding applications

7. Joint use of research facilities and equipment

8. Joint degree programs and credit transfer agreements

9. Cultural and educational events and activities

10. Other activities mutually agreed by the two institutions

<u>Article 2.</u> <u>Activities under this Memorandum of Understanding</u>

Activities taking place under this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") will be initiated primarily by academic units within each Party, and in coordination with their respective administrative units concerned with international activities. All activities undertaken must conform to the policies and procedures in place at each Party. Teaching beyond occasional lectures must be approved by the appropriate units within each Party.

Article 3. Main Activities

TSUL are going to send professors for exchange experience in teaching methods, to compare curriculum and syllabuses, and working on educational standards and their implementation at TSUL.

TSUL are going to invite Pacific professors to conduct lectures and seminars at TSUL from two weeks and until one semester, covering the costs by TSUL and international funds and grants.

McGeorge will provide information about professor interested to visit TSUL and assist in organization of their visits.

McGeorge will provide information about LLM programs for graduates of TSUL and research programs for professors and researchers of TSUL.

McGeorge will provide information and assist in organization of academic exchange of students for one semester and academic exchange of professors.

The Parties will take all necessary measures to provide discounts for tuition fees, and for the researchers and professors working and researching space.

The Parties will exchange information on scientific events and organize at least one joint event in each academic year.

Article 4. Planning and Management of Activities

Each distinct collaboration activity or specific activities will result from this Memorandum of Understanding will require separate legally binding agreements. Both parties understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds.

Article 5. Providing LLM opportunities

McGeorge announces the availability of its LLM programs for graduates of TSUL who are looking to further their education in the field of law with providing discounts on tuition fees, provision of accommodation, and other incentives based on its possibilities.

McGeorge will admit per academic year up to four TSUL students or graduates to participate in McGeorge's Master of Laws (LL.M.) for both academic year 24/25 and 25/26. The students must complete the McGeorge admissions forms and meet the McGeorge admissions criteria in effect at the time of admission, which include evidence of strong English language comprehension, speaking and writing, and an excellent academic record. The nominated students may pursue the LLM degree at McGeorge with the equivalent of 55% tuition scholarship (or 60% if three or four TSUL students enrolled at McGeorge) and must meet and comply with the rules and regulations of the program. Furthermore, the participant students or graduates must bear all non-tuition expenses related to pursuit of the LLM degree and living in Sacramento, California, including, but not limited to costs incurred for travel, visa-entry, insurance, books, housing, and meals.

<u>Article 6.</u> <u>Responsible for Coordination of Interaction</u>

Parties determine as responsible persons for interaction and timely notification of the following persons:

Responsible persons for basic requires:

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- Name: Fitrat Umirov
- Title: Head of International Cooperation Department
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Pacific

- Name: Clemence Kucera
- Title: Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Programs
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Responsible persons for academic exchange:

TSUL

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Responsible persons for international grants and projects (Erasmus plus and others):

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<u>Article 7.</u> Informing on Activities

Parties in a timely manner, through the appointed responsible persons, notify about events, training opportunities, scholarships and grants, possibilities of joint participation in research programs, send invitations and ensure systematic and constant interaction for the period of validity of this MoU.

<u>Article 8.</u> Funding of Activities

Collaborating units are encouraged to work together to identify and secure outside funding as needed. Financial arrangements and obligations for each activity shall be stipulated in separate agreements or discussed and agreed prior to the initiation of any such activity.

<u>Article 9.</u> Nondiscrimination

Both Parties are committed to the policy that, subject to applicable laws, statutes, codes, or guidelines, all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment without regard to personal characteristics not related to ability, performance, or qualifications as determined by the respective policies of the Parties, or by government authorities. Neither Party discriminates against any person on the basis of that person's age, race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, creed, service in uniformed services, veteran status, sex, sexual orientation, marital or family status, pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions, physical or mental disability, gender, perceived gender, gender identity, genetic information or political ideas. Both Parties shall abide by these principles in the administration of this MOU, and neither Party shall impose criteria on any scholars, faculty, students or staff which would violate these principles of nondiscrimination. Nothing herein shall be deemed to create any obligation for either Party to violate any applicable law, statute, code or guideline in order to provide such access.

<u>Article 10.</u> Intellectual Property Rights

This MOU does not cover the cooperation related to generation of intellectual property, but covers research and academic cooperation in this sphere. Any intellectual property generated shall be covered under a separate agreement.

Article 11. Use of Name, Logo, and Mark

Neither Party may use the name, logo, or mark of the other in any promotional or advertising material (including but not limited to website postings, public announcements and program brochures) without the prior written consent of the other Party pursuant to each Party's policies.

Article 12. Evaluation of Collaboration

All specific programs or projects undertaken pursuant to this MOU will be subject to mutual periodic evaluation by each Party's appropriate stakeholders.

Article 13. Dispute Resolution

Any disputes which can occur between Parties during realization or understanding of this MOU will be solved through negotiations.

Article 14. Amendments and changes

Amendments and additions which are considered as an integral part of this MOU can be made by agreement of both Parties.

Article 15.

This Memorandum becomes effective from the date of the signatures below and will be in existence for a period of 5 years, unless one party gives notice six months in advance that it wishes to amend or terminate the agreement, in other case it will be deemed for next five years.

For this purpose, the responsible parties will be the Provost of the University of the Pacific for its McGeorge School of Law and the Acting Rector of Tashkent State University of Law.

The Memorandum places no financial or legal obligations on either of the parties, nor does it create any legal relationship between them.

The MOU is signed in two originals of this MOU in English and Uzbek languages, both of them are authentic and the main is English.

For Tashkent State University of Law

Prof. Islambek Rustambekov Acting Rector Tashkent State University of Law Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan Date: 6/14/2024 For the University of the Pacific

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Eighten Frida Ands Giber²⁰²⁴ Provost University of the Pacific Stockton, California Date: 6/14/2024

Copy of Notice to be provided to:

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For the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law

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