AGREEMENT BETWEEN

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, USA AND UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA ANDRÉS BELLO, VENEZUELA

In order to enhance the educational and scientific capabilities of each of the above institutions, it is proposed that collaborations and exchanges be initiated in fields of common expertise and interest. The program to be initiated by this agreement is based on a spirit of cooperation and reciprocity and of mutual benefit to both parties.

- 1. Both institutions agree to an academic exchange in various areas of education and research, especially in the areas associated with the College of Engineering by way of international programs.
- 2. Both institutions will make every effort to exchange faculty, scholars, and students as well as educational and research materials appropriate to areas of collaboration.
- 3. Specific details of exchanges noted above will be negotiated between the institutions involved and are subject to the approval of each institution.
- 4. This agreement will remain in effect for five years from the date of signing, and is renewable thereafter for five-year terms subject to mutual consent. The period of the validity of this agreement may be terminated within this period by either party by giving at least six months notice in writing to the other party.
- 5. This agreement will only be written in English.

North Carolina State University and Universidad Católica Andrés Bello have been exchanging students and faculty from their respective Industrial Engineering departments since 1995. Current activities include summer courses for students, taught at both institutions, cooperative development of a masters program in Industrial Engineering at Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, and mutual organization and attendance of various conferences and visits. It is anticipated that such exchanges and cooperative work will expand and continue into the foreseeable future. It is expected that this agreement will extend the cooperative interests of both institutions and their constituent faculty and students. Other disciplines in engineering, the humanities and life sciences are especially strong potential areas of cooperative efforts. It is also recognized that simple cultural exchange and dialogue will be of benefit to both institutions in an increasingly global society and world economy.

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