

COLLABORATION

BETWEEN



**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY
FOUNDATION USA; THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR IT AND DEVELOPMENT (SU-ICITD)

AND



*Josiah Kibira University College
Of Tumaini University Makumira*



Fig: From left Ms. Jeska Balongo (ICT Technician, JoKUCo), Vice president-JoKUCo, Ms. Noreen Mushema (T.A JoKUCo), Prof. L. Kaino (DPAA JoKUCo), Mr. Michael L. Wilson (eLibrary Installer, SU&ICT universities) and Minister of Education-JoKUCo at joint photo after eLibrary Installation from SU&ICT Universities Collaboration.

THE MoU

The 5-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the parties in August 2017.

ABOUT THE COLLABORATION

The main objectives of the collaboration agreement are to;

- (a) Facilitate staff exchange programs on identified programs between (JoKUCo) and SU-ICITD;

- (b) Establish a collaborative relationship between the Parties to offer identified accredited top-up Bachelors to Ph.D. degree programs of ICT University at (JoKUCo) (only for programs not offered at (JoKUCo));
- (c) Collaborate on research and grants development to support (JoKUCo) college, staff and students; and
- (d) Jointly run ICT training projects for urban and rural youths to provide them basic ICT skills they can use to obtain employment in the Tanzanian market.

The Role of SU-ICITD and ICT-U

The role of SU-ICITD is to provide SU-ICITD's research and funded grants development support to (JoKUCo). This specifically includes:

- (a) Provision of research materials in hard or soft copy for the identified joint research projects with faculty and staff of JoKUCo;
- (b) Provision of research and grants development training/mentoring/seminars to designated (JoKUCo) faculty/staff in a bid to raise continuous research and teaching funding;
- (c) Co-ordination of teaching and research tours of US-based faculty and staff to JOKUCO for face to face interactions;
- (d) Co-ordination and sponsor of teaching and research tours of JoKUCo faculty and staff to SU-ICITD and ICT-U as part of training for teaching, research and development at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels;
- (e) Coordination of masters and PhDs for JoKUCo academic staff members in a sandwich programme agreed between JoKUCo, SU-ICITD and ICT-U;
- (f) Sending academic experts to complement (JoKUCo) staff in the delivery of identified programs; and
- (g) perform any other roles as may be expressly and mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

The Role of ICT-U Foundation

ICT-U Foundation will donate a State of the Art Multimedia/E-Learning Laboratory (in addition to a Learning management system) as well as an e-library. This role will involve the following specifics:

- a) ICT-U shall provide the enabling platforms for e-learning for (JoKUCo), such that programs offered at (JoKUCo) can all go online where students and lecturers can interact outside of the classroom; lecturers can have their materials online for student access and if (JoKUCo) decides to, it can offer its programs to students not based on its campus;
- b) ICT-U shall provide(or enhance) a state of the art multimedia center to support the aforementioned e-learning platform;

- c) In year 1 of the partnership, ICT-U shall provide an e-library to (JoKUCo) that will start with 300,000 books and will eventually expand to 1 million books students and staff of JoKUCo can freely download;
- d) The infrastructure shall be donated free by the ICT-U. ICT-U shall cover the cost of Moodle and WebEx platform as well as the web server;
- e) ICT-U shall train (JoKUCo) staff yearly on the use of e-learning/learning management system platform;
- f) Management of the platform;
 - ICT-U shall install and host an e-library and e-learning (Moodle and CISCO Webex site) for (JoKUCo) students to interact with their lecturers online and in class;
 - For the e-learning and e-library platforms to work optimally, periodic maintenance is required. JoKUCo shall collect a technology fee from every student of its institution to remit to ICT-U. Although these technologies are freely donated by ICT-U Foundation, the foundation commit to paying for maintenance over time to sustain these technologies 24hours, 7 days a week. The Technology fee will be paid by all students of JoKUCo per academic year in the amount of \$70 for the operation and maintenance of the e-learning and e-library. This fee shall be paid to ICT-U at the start of each session for each of the five year duration of this agreement;
 - Faculty members (lecturers) who wish to receive an E-Learning Certified training from ICT-U will have to pay \$200 per person. This is an optional fee to process a certificate where needed in the future. This cost will be borne by interested faculty members(lecturers) or their institution if applicable;
 - JoKUCo learning management system platform shall be dependent upon ICT-U data center power, network and related systems. The availability of these systems will have a great impact on the availability of the service;
 - ICT-U shall provide security fixes and other system updates necessary since the software developers continually change versions;
 - ICT-U technical support team shall provide support and training to JoKUCo staff and shall also handle inevitable complaints from users on system functionality;
 - The trained staff of JoKUCo shall be provided with full administrative access to the system. But in an event of complete failure of the system due to technical failure, ICT-U technical team shall assist in disaster recovery service;
 - ICT-U shall render technical support to JoKUCo in the development of the e-Library by donating computing and related equipment;
 - ICT-U shall grant JoKUCo students and staff access to the e-Library facilities of ICT-U.

