# Strategic partnership between University of Flensburg and University College Southern Denmark

## Purpose and provisos of partnership agreement

#### **Purpose**

The partnership is a reciprocal collaboration based on University Flensburg's and UC Southern Denmark's respective core objectives and the parties' common interests and goals. The partnership agreement represents establishment of a forum for strategic discussions at senior management level between University of Flensburg and UC Southern Denmark. These strategic discussions will create a framework for binding cooperation and dialogue between University of Flensburg and UC Southern Denmark.

## Objective of the collaboration

The partnership shall result in measurable and visible results and contribute to strengthening and ensuring:

- Optimum utilisation and development of educational resources
- Attracting and retaining committed, innovative and entrepreneurial students and school-leavers
- Improved quality of education and research

#### The content of the collaboration

#### Focus areas

The parties have agreed to the following focus areas:

- Inclusion
- Research in teacher education and training (Lehrerbildung), including School Takeover
- Minority Education

Focus areas can be extended. The focus areas are to be confirmed on the annual meeting at the rectorate level.

The partnership will also facilitate ongoing reciprocal information exchange on the parties' respective research and development initiatives and possibilities for partner participation, including potential for participation in international projects with multiple players.

The intentions of the partnership are implemented in separate cooperation agreements and/or project contracts on a case-by-case basis.

## Implementation of partnership agreement

Meetings will be held at least once per year at the rectorate level. The meetings will be held alternately at University of Flensburg and UC Southern Denmark. Rota to be agreed when concluding the agreement, including secretariat services in connection with the implementation of the partnership agreement.

For each area of cooperation, organisation appropriate to the content and scope of the commitment shall be agreed separately on a case-by-case basis.

Responsibility for development of the collaboration and implementation of the partnership agreement rests with the management of University of Flensburg and University College Southern Denmark.

The collaboration shall be optimised through exchange of experience and reciprocal transfer of each other's strengths along with development of greater awareness about utilising one another in assignments and projects.

## Follow-up and evaluation

The parties shall assess the agreement and collaboration results at the annual meeting.

## **Financing**

The parties shall each pay expenses associated with meetings, coordination and administration of the partnership.

Specific agreements/projects shall be implemented via contracts.

# Termination and renegotiation of the agreement

Either party may terminate the agreement with 6 months' written notice. Renegotiation shall comply with the framework for termination of the agreement; however, changes may be made to the agreement if both parties agree to this. Projects with separate contracts shall continue, even if this agreement is terminated.

#### Commencement date

Subject to the consent of the relevant bodies, this agreement comes into force on 3 September 2013.

Signatures

Rektor Birthe Friis Mortensen, Vice-chancellor, UC Southern Denmark

Prof. Dr. Werner Reinhart, President, University of Flensburg

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