

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

April 25, 2024

Item E.1. **Nicholls State University’s** request for approval to rename the College of Nursing the “*Thibodaux Regional Health System School of Nursing at Nicholls State University.*”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University is requesting approval to name the College of Nursing the “Thibodaux Regional Health System School of Nursing at Nicholls State University.” This naming right will commence with Board approval and continue for a period of up to ten (10) years provided that the gift agreement executed between the University and Thibodaux Regional remains in good standing.

Nicholls State University and Thibodaux Regional Health System (TRHS) have a long history of collaborating and partnering on important initiatives to advance the experience of the students, faculty, and staff of the University.

Over the nearly 95 years since TRHS was founded, the institution has risen to become an award-winning healthcare leader in the region and in the broader community. Under the leadership of Mr. Greg Stock, CEO, TRHS has grown from a community hospital into a world-class health system providing cutting-edge care in general surgery, cardiovascular and cancer care, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopedic surgery and sports medicine, women’s services, pulmonology, and so much more. The physical campus has more than tripled in size to include a medical mall, a stand-alone state-of-the-art cancer center, a medical office building, and an expansive wellness center in service to the region.

TRHS has always been a valued partner for the nursing program at Nicholls in providing clinical space for students to gain experience through all phases of their nursing education, as well as providing opportunities for employment post-graduation. Further, in 2014, TRHS entered into a partnership with the University to become the official designated provider of sports medicine for Nicholls Athletics. TRHS currently provides Athletic Trainers, support for the Athletic Program and, most recently through its facilities at the Wellness Center, Nicholls is afforded access to venues to support the University soccer, tennis, and beach volleyball programs.

The most recent evolution of this relationship is for TRHS to now have committed fiscal resources in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1.0M) per year for a period of ten (10) years to the School of Nursing at Nicholls. These funds will support the equipment needs within the nursing program to ensure state-of-the-art training for students; provide funds for the growth of faculty in the program to support program expansion; provide funds to support the retention of current faculty in the program; and provide funds for the professional development of faculty in

the nursing program. This generous support will allow the nursing program to grow the number of nursing candidates in its undergraduate program to meet the need for nurses in the region.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to name the College of Nursing the "Thibodaux Regional Health System School of Nursing at Nicholls State University."*



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Nicholls State University

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April 4, 2024

Via Electronic Transmittal Only

President Rick Gallot
University of Louisiana System
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Dear President Gallot:

Nicholls State University requests consideration and approval of the following to be placed on the agenda for the April 25, 2024 meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System:

*Name the College of Nursing:
"Thibodaux Regional Health System School of Nursing at Nicholls State University".*

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jay Clune, PhD
President

JC/apf

Enclosures

c: Dr. Sue Westbrook, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Terry Braud, Vice President for Finance & Administration
Mr. Jonathan Terrell, Vice President for Collegiate Athletics/Athletic Director
Dr. Michele Caruso, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Todd Keller, Vice Provost
Ms. Renee Hicks, Assistant Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness Access & Success
Ms. Alison Hadaway, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Jerad David, Director of Communications
Ms. Paige Thomas, Director of Alumni Affairs
Ms. Paulette Mayon, Controller & Ethics Liaison
Ms. Claire Bourgeois, Faculty Senate President

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April 25, 2024

Item E.2. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with CHRIST (Deemed to be a University) in Bengaluru, India.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) requests approval to enter into an academic cooperation with CHRIST (Deemed to be a University), in Bengaluru, India. CHRIST, established in 1969 as "Christ College," is a multi-disciplinary University that offers bachelors, masters and doctoral programs in the humanities, social sciences, sciences, commerce, management, engineering, architecture, education and law to about 30,000 students enrolled at four campus locations. The proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines the academic and research cooperation, and faculty student exchange between the two institutions in the area of Marriage and Family Therapy. This proposed MOU, once approved, will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years or until modified or terminated by either university and, subject to be renewed for an additional three (3) years.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with CHRIST (Deemed to be a University) in Bengaluru, India.



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March 11, 2024

Rick Gallot, JD, President
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Dear President Gallot:

The University of Louisiana Monroe (ULM) requests approval to enter into an academic cooperation with Christ, (Deemed to be University), in Bengaluru, India. The purpose of this MOU is to strengthen and to develop academic and research cooperation, and faculty and student exchange between both institutions in the area of Marriage and Family Therapy.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'R. Berry'.

Ronald Berry, D.B.A.
President

Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY), BENGALURU, INDIA

AND

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA MONROE, MONROE, LOUISIANA, USA

Whereas CHRIST (Deemed to be University) is an Institution Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956 and NAAC 'A+' Accredited, offering multi-disciplinary UG, PG and Research Programmes in Arts, Sciences, Social Sciences, Commerce, Management, Education, Law, Engineering and Architecture having its Main Campus at Hosur Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560029 (hereinafter referred to as 'CU') and

Whereas University of Louisiana Monroe is an accredited academic, State institution in Louisiana, offering undergraduate and graduate programs in the Arts, Sciences, Education, Business, Social Sciences, Health Sciences and Pharmacy. The main campus is located at 700 University Avenue, Monroe, Louisiana 71209 (hereinafter referred to as 'ULM') and

Whereas as CU and ULM (hereinafter jointly referred to as 'Parties') have agreed to enter in to an academic cooperation to collaborate in academics and/or research in multiple disciplines for mutual benefit to its constituent stakeholders, particularly for the Students and Faculty Members of the Parties

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered to between the Parties which is witnessed as hereunder.

Article 1

The purpose of this MOU is to strengthen and to develop academic and research cooperation, and faculty and student exchange between the Parties in the area of Marriage and Family Therapy.

Article 2

With the intention of implementing the goals of this Memorandum, the Parties have generally agreed to co-operate in the following areas

- 2.1 academic exchanges of faculty and graduate students (Masters and Ph.D.), for the purposes of education, long-term and short-term internships, research, educational-scientific and professional practices.
- 2.2 cooperation in the preparation of highly qualified educational and scientific staff and specialists in Marriage & Family Therapy (MFT).
- 2.3 cooperation in offering a concentration in MFT at ULM, with CU issuing the degree.
- 2.4 cooperation in furthering the partnership by exploring the possibilities of additional joint programming in MFT, subject to applicable accreditation and statutory regulations affecting either party.

- 2.5 Explore joint lectures and scientific research including, but, not limited to co-management and scientific consultation in the writing of theses and dissertations.
- 2.6 Organization of scientific joint research, conferences, seminars, symposia and other similar activities.
- 2.7 preparation of joint applications for scholarships through educational programmes that exist in the Parties.
- 2.8 the use of banners/logos and links to websites as per each institution's policy.
- 2.9 informing the Parties about upcoming international fairs and exhibitions in MFT, organized by the Parties.
- 2.10 visa support for students/faculties sponsored by the Parties. Explore the accommodation/housing of students/faculty in both countries.

Article 3

The terms of the activities defined in the Article 2 will be determined by separate agreements between the Parties.

Article 4

The cost and expenses to be paid in relation to any co-operation or collaboration envisaged under this MOU shall be agreed upon by the parties and detailed in separate and specific financial agreements.

The Parties consider attracting potential financial partners, if possible subject to statutory/regulatory restrictions if any.

Article 5

This MOU may be amended or modified by a written additional agreement, which will be an undivided part of this MOU which must be properly exchanged and duly signed by the representatives of either Party.

Article 6

Both Parties agree to carry out these activities in accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries to the extent that the laws of a country are consistent with the laws governing a respective Party.

Disputes, arising in accordance with the Memorandum will be resolved by consultation and conversation between the Parties. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, neither Party waives any rights it may have to pursue legal resolution of a dispute under the laws applicable to this MOU.

Article 7

This MOU enters into validity and effect on the latter date of its signing by the statutory representatives of the Parties and will remain in effect for a period of 3 (three) years or until modified or terminated by either Party and, subject to review may be renewed for an additional 3 (three) years. Either

Party may withdraw from this agreement at any time by providing the other party with a 30-day written notification to that effect. However, no such termination shall affect the continuity till completion of the already existing activities under the MOU to the extent that such activities can be accomplished as determined by the Parties.

Article 8

Each Party shall have Program Coordinator for the MOU who shall be responsible for organizing and implementing this MOU under Article 2 above by connecting with appropriate Department/s of the Parties. The contact details of the Program Coordinators shall be as stated herein and may be changed by the Parties at any time during the term of this MOU by communication in writing.

The Program Coordinators designated for the purpose are:

ULM

Dr. Jana Sutton

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CU

Dr Tony Sam George

Dean – School of Social Sciences
CHRIST (Deemed to be University)
Bangalore

Article 9

This MOU will not be considered to be a contract creating legal or financial relationships between the parties. Rather, it will form the basis for entering into specific agreement/s (which may include exchange of letters for specific purpose) designed to facilitate development and maintenance of a mutually beneficial academic relationship.

Article 10

Each Party shall preserve, keep strictly confidential for exclusive purposes of this MOU and shall not disclose to any third party any Confidential Information that they may access by virtue of this MOU or by any agreement arising there from except to the extent that such disclosure is mandated by any applicable Law or Court or Administrative Order.

Article 11

Both parties are responsible for their own costs in relation to this MOU unless otherwise agreed.

Article 12

This Memorandum is prepared in English in two copies, one for each Party, both having the same binding.

This MOU is signed by the duly authorised officials of the Parties on the day first mentioned hereinabove.

University of Louisiana Monroe

By

Dr. Mark Arant

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Witnessed by

Name: **Dr. Wendy Bailes**

Signature: _____

Title: Dean, College of Health Sciences

Date:

Name: **Dr. Jana Sutton**

Signature: _____

Title: Program Coordinator, Marriage and Family Therapy

Date:

CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

By

Dr Anil Joseph Pinto

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: Registrar

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