

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

AND

PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY

Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia and Prince of Songkla University, Thailand have been actively cooperating for several years. This cooperation has been beneficial to both universities. The two universities believe that mutual benefit can be derived from scholarly interaction, cultural interchange, cooperative research and other forms of academic collaboration as well as possible student exchanges. Both institutions see advantages in the development of strong academic links and relationships. The following areas of cooperation are considered to be desirable and feasible for the consolidation of a relationship between the two institutions.

1. Exchange of academic staff members for teaching, research, consultanties and advanced study.
2. Collaborative research and possible exchange of academic papers.
3. Mutual assistance in the preparation of seminars, conferences and workshops.
4. Exchange of academic publication materials or other information such as teaching materials or scientific formulas.
5. Cooperation in training projects for specified areas of development.
6. Student exchange for specific programmes as identified.
7. University administration and management interaction to assist in institutional development.

Areas of cooperation might also include any other academic programmes offered by Griffith University or through the Prince of Songkla University which are considered to be of significance for either institution.

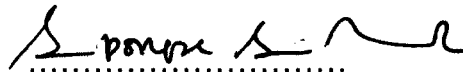
The terms of more specific areas of mutual cooperation shall be further considered and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of any particular programmes or activity, since any specific programme must be subject to mutual consent, availability of funds, and approval of the President/Vice-Chancellor of each institution.

The agreement shall take effect on the date indicated below:



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Professor L.R. Webb
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Siripongse Sribhibhadh
President

Prince of Songkla
University

Date: 31.10.93

Date: 22 Nov. '93

ADDENDUM 2002-2006

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY AND PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY

This addendum is made in response to the agreement of academic cooperation between Griffith University (GU) and Prince of Songkla University (PSU) begun in the 1990's and involves the implementation of a Joint Doctoral degree between Griffith University and Prince of Songkla University.

The Joint PhD Degree

Preamble

1. The joint PhD degree is established under the research higher degree policies of Griffith University and Prince of Songkla University. A Board of Studies (refer point 8 below) will adjudicate and make a recommendation to the Dean, Postgraduate Education (GU) and equivalent at PSU where a disparity occurs between the two University policies.

The Degree

2. Griffith University and the Prince of Songkla University hereby establish a joint Doctorate of Philosophy in ecology, evolution and systematics, the degree to bear the imprimatur and badge of both universities.
3. The maximum duration of the degree is four years for a full-time student but will normally comprise seven semesters of study and will be based on a research program.
4. In addition to the thesis a candidate may be required to pursue a program of advanced study and research as recommended by the Board of Studies. The program may include a set of specified courses, seminars or reading activities.
5. The language of the degree will be English.
6. In general Thai candidates will spend the first and last semester of their doctoral studies at Griffith University and the intervening semesters in Thailand. This basic program may be varied to meet special needs of particular students.
7. Australian candidates may enrol in the degree if they meet appropriate entrance requirements. The program of study will be tailored to individual needs, within the policies of the degree.

Administration of the Degree

8. A joint Board of Studies comprising representatives of each University will administer the degree. The Board of Studies will consist of seven members: a

Chairperson appointed by agreement of both Universities; the Dean (or representative) from the relevant faculty of each University; and two academic representatives from each university. The respective faculties will provide secretarial/administrative support to the Board of Studies.

The functions of the joint Board of Studies will be to make a recommendation to the Dean, Postgraduate Education (GU) and equivalent at PSU:

- where a disparity occurs between the two University policies.
- that applicants be admitted as candidates
- on any intellectual property issues that arise
- on other candidature requirements such as requests for special leave, supervision and confirmation of candidature
- on the appointment of examiners and on the award of the degree.

The Board of Studies will also approve the independent assessor for the confirmation process, extensions to candidature, major changes to thesis topic, change of supervisor, leave requests, progress reporting outcomes and other program requirements.

Entrance Requirements

9. An applicant for admission shall hold a Bachelors degree with first-class honours or second-class honours (Division A) or a Masters degree, incorporating a significant research component from a recognised institution.
10. An applicant must have achieved a score of 6.5 or better in the standard IELTS competency tests with no sub-test less than 6.0 (580 on the TOEFL test including a score of no less than 5.0 on the TWE). The English language requirement must be successfully completed prior to the enrolment in the PhD. Any costs associated with a English proficiency course must be met by the student and form no part of any financial arrangements associated with the PhD degree. Concurrent English language training will not normally be granted except in exceptional circumstances. Applicants permitted to enrol in concurrent English language training will be advised that failure to achieve the minimum standard of English language proficiency by a nominated date may result in termination of the candidature.

Enrolment subject to confirmation

11. All candidates will be enrolled subject to confirmation. Candidates will be reviewed for confirmation of candidature, including supervision arrangements at the end of their first year of full-time enrolment (Semester 2). The candidate must present a research seminar together with a written submission. The seminar and written submission will be assessed by both principal supervisors and an independent assessor approved by the Board of Studies. Continuing enrolment will be contingent on a successful evaluation of the seminar (refer Griffith University, Confirmation of PhD and MPhil Candidature Policy: Doc No 99/0500)

Ethical and Intellectual Property Issues

12. A student will not commence any research work that raises ethical issues, until a clearance has been obtained from the relevant University bodies. Students will have ownership of intellectual property directly related to their research, unless other arrangements have been mutually agreed in advance by the student and the Board of Studies

Standard of Academic Conduct

13. Candidates will be expected to undertake their program in accordance with accepted standards of academic conduct. Any form of academic conduct which is contrary to these standards is academic misconduct, for which the either University may penalise a student.

Other program conditions

14. The policies and procedures pertaining to the degree of PhD at Griffith University will apply for changes to candidature status (attendance status) suspension of candidature (leave of absence), variation to period of candidature, review of progress (annual progress round) and termination of candidature (refer Griffith University RHD Policy, PhD Sections 22-25).

Supervision

15. Each candidate will have at least two supervisors one from Prince of Songkla University and one from Griffith University. These two supervisors will be designated as the Principal Supervisor (PSU) and the Principal Supervisor (GU) respectively and will be recommended by the Board of Studies.
16. Each supervisor will make one visit to the partner university during the candidature of each student for which he or she is responsible. In general the principal supervisor (PSU) will visit Griffith University for up to three weeks during the first semester of the student's enrolment and the principal supervisor (GU) will visit Prince of Songkla University at the end of Semester 2 for a similar period which will include participation in the confirmation seminar of the candidate.

Examination

17. Examination of the thesis will be by two external examiners nominated jointly by the two universities after consultation with the principal supervisors and recommended by the Board of Studies. There will be a Chair of Examiners based either at PSU or GU. The Chair of Examiners will moderate the comments of the two external examiners and make summative recommendations to the Board of Studies based on the examiners reports. The Chair of Examiners will not act as a third examiner. The examination process will be administered by the Board of Studies taking into

account the policies of both Universities and shall make recommendation on the award of the degree to the Dean, PGE (GU) and the PSU equivalent.

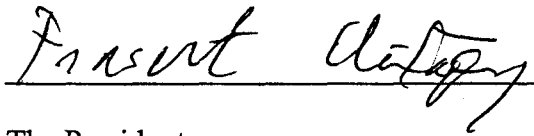
Financial Arrangements

18. Students enrolled for the degree will pay the agreed upon FFPOS fee to Griffith University only for the semesters in which they are actually in attendance at Griffith university. In general this will be for the first and last semesters of their enrolment. Students will be responsible also for such fees as Prince of Songkla University may impose during semesters 2 to 6 of their enrolment.
19. Griffith University will meet the airfares to Thailand for GU-based supervisors and the living expenses of Thai supervisors at Griffith (as an agreed upon *per diem*) during their requisite supervisory visits. Prince of Songkla University will meet the airfares of PSU-based supervisors to Australia and the living expenses of Australian supervisors during their requisite supervisory visits to Thailand.

Degree Review

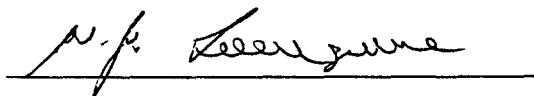
20. It is anticipated that the first students of this degree will be enrolled in Semester 1 2002. The degree will be reviewed, without prejudice, in Semester 2, 2006.

Anything not covered in this addendum will be settled through consultation and mutual agreement by both universities.



The President
Prince of Songkla University
(Associate Professor Prasert Chitapong)

Date 2/4/02



Acting Vice Chancellor
Griffith University
(Professor Bill Lovegrove)

Date 28/3/02