AFFILIATION AND CONSORTIAL AGREEMENT
between
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
and
THE FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan (MSU) and the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, New York (FIT) as two major providers of higher education services, agree to work together to provide MSU students with access to a defined range of learning opportunities and experiences in the foremost fashion center in the United States that are offered by FIT and that may be otherwise unavailable to MSU students. As one phase of this agreement, the two institutions agree to have a select number of MSU students enroll in certain intensive FIT Associate in Applied Sciences programs through the FIT Visiting Student Program. MSU will be the home institution for purposes of awarding financial aid to eligible students. FIT will be the host institution. MSU students will be responsible for paying the assessed tuition and fees to the host institution. This agreement will be in effect for five years—that is, through the 2008-9 academic year; in the final year of this agreement, the consortium arrangement will be assessed as to its effectiveness in meeting the needs of the two institutions and of MSU students. The parties will determine whether to renew the agreement based upon the outcome of that assessment.

Identification of Students and Administrative Responsibilities

1. MSU will recommend eligible students for enrollment in the FIT Visiting Student Program. To be eligible students must be majoring in the Apparel Textile and Design, and follow the application procedures set by FIT.

2. FIT will determine which of those students will be admitted to the Visiting Students Program on the basis of space available and FIT assessment of student qualifications.

3. The period of study for each student will be two semesters (one academic year).

4. MSU will appoint a “home school liaison” to coordinate the process of recommending students for the FIT Visiting Student Program and keep FIT informed as to which MSU students are planning to apply to the FIT program.

5. The Offices of the Registrar at MSU and FIT will make appropriate arrangements to assure that each MSU student’s registration at FIT is reflected at MSU and that the appropriate grade reports are transmitted. The Office of the Registrar at MSU will assure that the Office of Financial Aid is provided with the list of students so enrolled.

6. This agreement may be revised or terminated with due notice by either of the parties, provided however, that students then receiving instruction at FIT shall have the opportunity to complete the academic year/semester without negative effect on the schedule or quality of their education during that academic year/semester.

We, the undersigned, pledge our support and best efforts to implement this agreement, effective as of the 10th day of August, 2004.

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