Memorandum of Understanding

A statement of friendship between the College of Arts at the University of Imam Jaafar Al-Sadiq in Baghdad, Iraq, and the Department of English at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA.

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This Memorandum of Understanding lays out the desire for friendship and cooperation between the College of Arts at the University of Imam Jaafar Al-Sadiq in Baghdad, Iraq, and the Department of English at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA.

Such friendship may extend to an exchange of faculty, with details to be settled at a later date, including the possibility of the University of Iowa providing postdoctoral graduate students as temporary lecturers at the University of Imam Jaafar Al-Sadiq, particularly for the teaching of American literature.

We also hope to cooperate over the exchange of students. In particular, the University of Iowa is interested in hosting appropriate students from Iraq, particularly those who have received funding, and the Department of English at the University of Iowa will work to find appropriate courses of study or faculty mentors for such students.

In addition, we hope to undertake the following forms of cooperation:

1. Joint educational, training and/or research activities.
2. Exchange of invitations to scholars (faculty, research personnel, and graduate students) for lectures, visits and sharing of experiences.
3. Exchange of invitations to scholars for participation in conferences, symposia and seminars.
4. Exchange of information in fields of interest to both parties.
5. Exchange of faculty, research personnel, and graduate and undergraduate students for study and research.
6. Practical training in pre-identified or otherwise selected field sites.

Both parties agree that all financial agreements necessary to implement this agreement must be negotiated and will depend upon the availability of funds.
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