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### **Article 1**

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- A. First, for Shansi Fellows to play a productive and meaningful role in international education and exchange at Syiah Kuala University.
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affiliated organizations. These placements may take the form of a variety of activities, such as helping in academic research, volunteer tutoring in English, engagement in academic and cultural events, and other activities that are mutually agreed upon between the Syiah Kuala University Office of International Affairs and the Executive Director of Oberlin Shansi.

- C. Oberlin Shansi will provide the Fellows with international airfare, intensive language training in Bahasa Indonesia, health insurance, initial visa cost while the Fellow is still in the U.S., and a monthly living allowance.
- D. Syiah Kuala University will provide housing on campus for two years. While the Fellows are on campus Syiah Kuala University will provide Internet service in their housing. Should the Shansi Fellow choose to move off campus in the second year, Oberlin Shansi will provide an allowance for rent. Syiah Kuala University will provide visa-related expenses while the Fellows are in Indonesia.
- E. The Shansi Fellows will be permitted to audit classes in any academic program at the Syiah Kuala University free of charge.

### **Article 3**

#### **Syiah Kuala University faculty and staff to Oberlin College**

- A. Syiah Kuala University faculty or staff who are selected as Visiting Scholars will engage in academic activities at Oberlin College and Conservatory for up to one semester.
- B. Oberlin Shansi will sponsor the Visiting Scholars, including round-trip airfare, visa costs, health insurance, housing, and an allowance for living expenses.
- C. The Syiah Kuala University Office of International Affairs will recruit applications from faculty and staff from throughout the university for this program. Oberlin Shansi will select the Visiting Scholars on the strength of their applications and interviews, either in-person or online.

### **Article 4**

#### **Oberlin College faculty, staff and students visits to Syiah Kuala University**

- A. Oberlin College faculty may occasionally visit Syiah Kuala University for short stays to present guest lectures, or joint cooperative research.
- B. Oberlin College students, accompanied by their professors, may occasionally visit Syiah Kuala University for the purpose of studying Indonesian society and culture.
- C. Oberlin Shansi will ensure that the costs of Oberlin professors, staff and students are covered.

## Article 5

### Terms and Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding


- A. Amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding can only be made after consultation and written mutual consent by both parties.
- B. This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect from the date of its signing and be valid for the duration of five (5) years from that date and be automatically renewed on an annual basis thereafter unless terminated or replaced with an alternative Memorandum of Understanding.
- C. Either party, with a written advance notice of at least six (6) months, may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.
- D. If there is conflict between this Memorandum of Understanding and any earlier agreement, the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding will prevail.

 For Syiah Kuala University

  
Prof. Dr. Ir. Samsul Rizal, M. Eng.  
Rector

Date 11/4-2018

For Oberlin Shansi  
Memorial Association

  
Gavin Tritt  
Executive Director

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