MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION

JOINT GRADUATE PROGRAM IN OCEANOGRAPHY

Memorandum of Agreement

The Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Board of Trustees of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, recognizing that

- there is a growing need for well-educated oceanographers trained at sea, and that
- oceanography is becoming an increasingly important component of the earth sciences, and that
- research in the oceans, as in other scientific endeavors, must be wholly integrated with the education of graduate students, and that
- the education of students at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution can be improved by formalizing the program including a responsibility for awarding graduate degrees, and that
- the education of students in oceanography at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology can be improved by a more formal program of cooperation with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and that
- the marine facilities at Woods Hole, including research ships, can be made more readily available for use by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology faculty and students through close cooperative planning,

have each approved the creation of a Joint Graduate Program in Oceanography for which there will be established appropriate graduate degrees to be conferred jointly by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

The Joint Graduate Program in Oceanography will be operated through a cooperative arrangement in which each institution, for these purposes, will participate as an equal partner. Decisions affecting the program will be made through mutual consultation, and actions authorized by this agreement will be taken only with the common consent of both institutions.

Moreover, it is recognized that each institution retains full autonomy in appointment of faculty and staff, awarding of degrees, and in all other matters involving that institution alone.

To provide for the effective operation of the Joint Graduate Program in Oceanography, there will be established a joint education committee with equal representation from each institution. This committee will have over-all responsibility for the academic standards of the joint program and for full coordination between the two campuses.

Matters of general policy and guiding principles which require a decision at a higher level than that of the joint education committee will be referred to the President and/or Provost of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the President and/or Director of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Each institution having obtained the necessary Charter modifications from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the governing boards of each having given their approvals, the undersigned do hereby establish a Joint Graduate Program in Oceanography.

Paul M. Fye, President

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Howard W. Johnson, President

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