MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Southern University System (SUS)
California State University (CSU)
Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT)

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ONLINE LIBRARY FOR EDUCATION
SUOL4ED

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STRATEGY FOR SUCCESS

The California State University (CSU) – MERLOT program is partnering with the Southern University in the design and deployment of Southern University’s Affordable Learning Solutions (AL$) Initiative. The CSU-MERLOT program has been successful in saving students millions of dollars in California during the 6 years of its AL$ program and higher education systems in New York, Georgia, Tennessee, and Oklahoma have also partnered with CSU-MERLOT to design and deploy their own customized AL$ programs.
GOALS OF THE SUOL4ED

Enable SU faculty to conveniently and successfully choose high quality no-cost and low-cost course materials for their courses and online programs

Enable SU students to easily and equitably have access to the high quality no-cost and low-cost course materials for their courses

Enable SU administrators to easily and accurately measure the savings for students being produced by the SU AL$ program over time AND measure the benefits for students’ learning by having immediate and reliable access to high quality no-cost and low-cost course materials for their courses

Seek grants from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for faculty professional develop and expanding the model to serve HBCUs in the US.
Welcome to Affordable Learning Solutions

CSU’s Affordable Learning Solutions enables faculty to choose and provide more affordable, quality educational content for their students.

By reducing CSU student course material expenses, more students acquire the course materials they need to succeed and benefit from their CSU learning experience.

Now, CSU faculty and students have greater access to quality free and low-cost learning materials through a variety of ALS programs and partnerships.

AFFORDABLE LEARNING SOLUTIONS PRINCIPLES:

CHOICE: Enables the discovery of course content, including commercial publisher content, library resources, and a wide array of open educational resources (OER).

AFFORDABILITY: Technology and partnerships that reduce the cost of learning materials for students and the CSU.

What’s New?

Addressing AB 798 Legislation: CA College Textbook Affordability Act

- Funding for up to $50K to support faculty development programs for adopting free and open educational materials
- Learn more at Cool4Ed.org
- AL$ 2016-2017 Grant RFP Information

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- The Timely Ordering of Textbooks to Ensure

http://affordablelearningsolutions.org/
Welcome to COOL 4 ED!

http://cool4ed.org/
From COOL4ED to SUOL4ED

The COOL4ED was funded through California State Appropriation to the California State University, Office of the Chancellor and grants from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which provided the private funds to release the state matching funds for this project.

For Project Dissemination and Replication, a partnership MOU was established between CSU/MERLOT and SUS to enable the latter organization to leverage the technology and lesson learned for capacity building and deploying SUOL4ED as a model for other HBCUs in the US.
OPEN TEXTBOOKS
Open textbooks are usually governed by Creative Commons licenses that enable users to download, customize or print the textbook without expressed written consent of the author.

INTERACTIVE MULTIMEDIA RESOURCES
Digital learning resources for teaching, learning and professional development. Resources may be used to develop quality online courses and programs.

FREE ONLINE COURSES AND MOOCS
Courses may be adopted to suit specific institutional needs

PEER REVIEWED RESEARCH JOURNALS
Open access to a multitude of research journals

E-PORTFOLIO AND RESOURCE AUTHORING TOOL
Best practices and use case authored by disciplinary faculty.
SUOL4ED Academic Disciplines

COVERS 26 Academic Disciplines:

1. Academic Discipline Communities
2. Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
3. Biology
4. Business
5. Chemistry
6. Communication Sciences and Disorders
7. Computer Science
8. Criminal Justice
SUOL4ED Academic Disciplines

9. Engineering
10. English
11. Fire Safety
12. Health Sciences
13. History
14. Information Technology
15. Instructional Technology
16. Mathematics
17. Music
18. Physics
20. Professional Coaching
21. Psychology
22. Sociology
23. Statistics
24. Teacher Education
25. Technical Allied Health
26. World Languages
HANLEY TIES TO SU

Dr. Hanley and Dr. Diack co-founded the MERLOT Africa Network. The current network involve more than 25 higher education institutions in Africa.
Visit MAN to Learn More (http://man.merlot.org)

Dr. Hanley and Dr. Diack initiated the MERLOT Digital Scholars involving 12 doctoral students from the SUBR Doctoral Program in Science/Math Education.
See Article (http://grapevine.merlot.org/#news3)

Dr. Hanley and Dr. Diack hosted numerous conferences and for a on open education and open access in Africa.
See here. (http://elesconference.org/index.php/en/)
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