I. Accomplishments-

Over the past academic year, 5 VCU students, along with 3 faculty members traveled to IIT-KGP in Jan 2013. They spent a week at IIT-KGP as part of the joint senior design program involving faculty and students from both universities. The students presented their results at the Senior Design Showcase held at the Science Museum of Virginia.

A graduate student from IIT-KGP spent 3 months in research labs in the Department of Chemical and Life Science Engineering. The student was mentored by two faculty members in the School of Engineering on research instrumental to her PhD project at IIT-KGP. These research collaborations have led to research abstracts at conferences and manuscripts in preparation.

II. Products- Publications and abstracts have resulted from research collaborations. These include:


III. Challenges.

Challenges remain in establishing joint degree programs between schools in both universities, given the nature of the curricula and the timing differences associated with the academic year.

IV. Future Plans.

Activities for the coming year include additional research publications, submission of proposals.