

# Gujarat Technological University Graduate School of Engineering and Technology

A Report on

## "Exploring Collaborative Opportunities: Visit by Dr. Jill Blondin, Associate Vice Provost for Global Initiatives (VCU) at GSET"

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### **Introduction:**

On February 29, 2024, Gujarat Technological University (GTU) had the honor of hosting Dr. Jill Blondin, Associate Vice Provost for Global Initiatives at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Dr. Blondin's visit aimed to explore potential collaborations in academic and research domains between VCU and GTU.

### **Visit Highlights:**

*Arrival and Welcome:* Dr. Blondin and her team arrived at GSET campus at 01:00 PM, where they were warmly welcomed by GSET officials and staff.



*Meeting at the Conference Room:* A productive meeting took place at the Swami Vivekananda Conference Room, where Dr. Blondin was introduced to GSET and its various departments. Directors from key departments and senior faculties engaged in discussions regarding potential areas of collaboration.



**Interactions with Faculty:** Dr. Blondin had interactive sessions with faculties from Graduate School of Engineering and Technology (GSET). These sessions facilitated in-depth discussions on research opportunities and academic exchanges. Key points discussed were possible collaboration in field of Artificial Intelligence, Data science and VLSI. There is also an opportunity of collaboration in design and critical engineering. Start up, innovation and IPR cells of GTU also have been showcased and opportunities discussed for knowledge and technicality exchange between two universities.



**Tour of Facilities:** A tour of GSET's technical infrastructure, like IOT lab along with research infrastructure. Ongoing research in the field of Artificial intelligence, block chain, image processing, VAPT had been showcased as an asset of GSET. Meeting was concluded with appreciative remarks about the huge opportunities of the field.

The visit by Dr. Jill Blondin was highly successful in fostering closer ties between Virginia Commonwealth University and Gujarat Technological University. It provided a platform for fruitful discussions and laid the groundwork for future collaborations in academic and research endeavors.