

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

AND

BROWARD COLLEGE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the Florida A&M University Board of Trustees, herein referred to as FAMU and The District Board of Trustees of Broward College, Florida, herein referred to as Broward.

WHEREAS, FAMU and Broward have agreed to establish an articulation agreement committed to a strategy to expand access, to meet extraordinary demands for growth and to provide for a competitive workforce.

WHEREAS, the demand for higher education is growing exponentially; and

WHEREAS, the availability of highly skilled technicians, scientists, health care professionals, and managers may be the most critical factor in the economic growth of the nation; and

WHEREAS, this agreement could be employed to create a significant pool of highly skilled and educated technicians, scientists, health care professionals, and managers creating a competitive advantage in economic development and diversification; and

WHEREAS, the parties believe the two-plus-two system can be further expanded to meet the demands described above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY and BROWARD COLLEGE:

I. As a part of this agreement, both institutions commit to a proactive strategy of cooperation to produce:

- A. Substantial, measurable increases in access to public higher education and degree production at the associate's, bachelor's, and graduate degree levels;
 - B. Better preparation of students at every level for further study; production at the associate's, bachelor's, and graduate degree levels;
 - C. Increased transfers from Broward to FAMU;
 - D. Reduced time to degree for both associate's and bachelor's degree students;
 - E. Other measures of strategic importance to the state of Florida's educational and economic progress.
- II. FAMU and Broward are committed to planning, developing, and aligning instructional programs at the undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate levels to create a highly skilled workforce in response to and in anticipation of economic growth opportunities.
- III. FAMU and Broward will collaborate in innovative ways to promote expanded access for Florida students, including:
- A. Guaranteed admission to the Florida A&M University for Associate of Arts (AA) graduates and selected Associate of Science (AS) graduates consistent with university policy;
 - C. Expanded access for AS graduates through articulated AS to BS degrees;
 - D. Preferential admission to selective baccalaureate upper division programs at Florida A&M University for graduates of Broward;
 - E. Explore the expansion of financial aid resources to support two-plus-two articulation agreements.
- IV. FAMU and Broward will explore joint staffing opportunities for faculty, student services, and other key personnel for the benefit of the agreement, including identifying transitional

advisors from FAMU to work closely with Broward advisors and their students throughout their AA/AS progress toward admission to FAMU (i.e., visits to Broward on a regular basis to meet with advisors and students, arrange trips to FAMU for campus tours, and other special arrangements).

V. FAMU and Broward pledge to expand the two-plus-two model as both the most effective and efficient system for producing quality graduates at all levels.

VI. FAMU and Broward will create a specific operating plan to guide the framework of this agreement. Routine collaboration among the institutions will provide a climate for planning, innovation, and capturing best practices.

VII. FAMU and Broward will establish an interdependent arrangement that enables deeper alignment of systems, policies, and procedures ensuring seamless and concurrent transitions for students. Data sharing, consistent with FERPA regulations, will enable the institutions to improve the quality of processes and student learning in a systematic manner and advance public accountability for the results.


VIII. FAMU and Broward will collaboratively establish, publish and annually review the agreement which outlines specific inter-institutional admission processes, arrangements, communications, operations and staffing in support of the agreement framework outlined herein (see attached Addendum).

IX. FERPA:

Student data disclosed among and between institutions for the purpose of accommodation reverse transfer are sanctioned under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

X. TERMS OF THIS MOU

- A. This MOU shall take effect upon signing. It shall be automatically renewed on an annual basis unless any party provides the others written notice no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the preceding term that it wishes to terminate this MOU. Either party may terminate the Agreement for any reason upon giving the other party sixty (60) days notice. If any party fails to follow the terms and conditions of the MOU, as set forth herein, the other parties have the right to terminate this MOU immediately upon written notice to the others.
- B. This MOU is subject to each party's continued compliance with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and other accrediting bodies.
- C. Modifications, additions or deletions from this MOU must be in writing and signed by any parties.

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Avis Proctor, Ed.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs
Broward College


Rodner B. Wright
Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs
Florida A&M University

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ADDENDUM
ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY
BROWARD COLLEGE

THE PARTIES OF THIS CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT WILL COLLABORATE TO ESTABLISH INTER-INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES WHICH PROMOTE AND PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Joint admissions with Broward and FAMU with guaranteed transfer for Associate in Arts (AA) graduates who meet GPA requirements and complete the requisite program prerequisites.
2. Modified transfer admission criteria, where appropriate, for graduates of Broward.
3. Transitional advisors from FAMU to work closely with Broward advisors and their students throughout their AA progress toward admission to FAMU. Broward will:
 - Provide the opportunity for FAMU to participate in Broward's annual Open House
 - Provide FAMU admission requirement information to all prospective Broward-FAMU transfer students.
 - Provide the opportunity for FAMU staff to make a 10-minute presentation at a college-wide advisors training once a year.
4. Work toward an information sharing system that will allow prospective transfer students from Broward to access FAMU's degree audit system for a clear understanding of actual progress toward baccalaureate degrees.
5. Sharing of information for reverse transfer from FAMU institutions to Broward degree programs.
6. Establish a policy to transfer coursework back from FAMU to Broward for students who did not complete the AA to fulfill requirements to be granted the AA from their original institutions. The MOU, however, will encourage and advocate for students to complete the AA degree at Broward prior to transfer to FAMU
7. Within ninety (90) days of the execution of this Agreement, FAMU shall provide the most recent annual report then available that includes the number of students that matriculate at FAMU and the program areas in which students matriculate to the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Broward. FAMU shall continually provide any additional reports that become available during the term of this agreement to the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Broward as they become available.

8. Data sharing from FAMU to Broward regarding transfer student success by academic major to identify potential issues for course articulation (content and standards) to improve student success.
9. FAMU to offer scholarships to eligible Broward graduates admitted to FAMU and who meet the cumulative grade point average criteria (3.0).
10. Each institution will:
 - Publicize the Agreement and Program among its students and faculty.
 - Coordinate activities, monitor student progress, and evaluate and improve the Program as necessary.
 - List the Program in the appropriate publications and Web sites of the institution.
 - Exchange regularly updated copies of their general catalogs and any other publications, which may be helpful in advising students.
 - Provide timely information regarding significant changes in the Program and programs of study that relate to the preparation of participating students. Changes to program prerequisites will be identified in the Statewide Common Prerequisite Manual.
 - Each institution will assess the Program annually in collaboration with participating faculty, advisors, and students to improve the Program as needed. A report of the assessment and recommendations for improvement will be provided to the Vice President of Student Affairs at FAMU and the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Broward.