Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Fe Community College and Western New Mexico University

Santa Fe Community College and Western New Mexico University proudly announce the collaboration of efforts and resources to promote educational and career opportunities for New Mexico students and beyond by creating a ***Master Articulation Agreement.***

1. PURPOSE

This memorandum of understanding is designed to encourage completion of the associate's degree and support transition and completion of the bachelor's degree by agreement to coordinate transfer policies, enhance advising, and promote the acceptance of the programmatic transfer of courses/credits between Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) and Western New Mexico University (WNMU).

2. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. Admissions Practices

1. WNMU guarantees admission for students from SFCC upon completion of an Associate of Arts and/or an Associate of Science degree program.
2. SFCC students will have access to advising by WNMU staff before, during, and after the transition to WNMU. SFCC will assist WNMU advising staff in contacting SFCC students in the relevant degree programs to advise them of the transfer degree programs available at WNMU.
3. Dual Enrollment for SFCC students. SFCC students who declare the intention of transferring to WNMU will be offered the following support while completing their SFCC degrees: (a) A WNMU advisor will be assigned to assist in course selection and ensure that SFCC courses will apply to the student's selected degree program at WNMU; (b) SFCC students may receive access to selected student services and privileges at WNMU while at SFCC, e.g., access to the library, fine arts and cultural events, and admission to sports events; (c) SFCC students will be eligible for transfer student scholarships without further application.
4. Terms of Admissions: SFCC students who accumulate college credits after graduation from SFCC and before admission to WNMU become subject to the following transfer policy: *transfer students whose combined GPA from all transfer institutions falls below WNMU's acceptable standards (as described in the appropriate WNMU catalog), will enter probationary status regardless of his/her status at the institution from which the transfer was made.* Developmental courses do not count toward any degree completion.

B. Acceptance and Application of Credits

1. All courses completed within Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Applied Sciences programs that meet the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) General Education Program requirements, including those courses on the New Mexico Higher Education Department's General Education transfer matrix, will fulfill WNMU's General Education Program requirements and will transfer as WNMU General Education Program requirements and will apply toward WNMU baccalaureate degree requirements. Students who have graduated from SFCC with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree have completed all General Education requirements for baccalaureate degree programs at WNMU.
2. All the coursework required for the Associate of Arts/Associate of Science degree will be applied toward the completion of WNMU's baccalaureate degrees. However, prerequisite or other degree-specific courses may be required of WNMU baccalaureate programs.
3. SFCC students who earn an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science or who have completed an internship course of at least one credit hour will have Western New Mexico University's Service Learning course requirements waived.
4. SFCC students who complete the NMHED General Education Program requirements will be given six (6) credits (of the total 12) to meet WNMU's Intensive Writing course requirements.
5. A candidate for any WNMU baccalaureate degree must meet the additional and specific requirements indicated for the degree program outlined in the WNMU catalog. Students will follow the degree program requirements of the WNMU catalog for their initial year of enrollment at SFCC. That program is an option for six years, or a student may elect to use requirements described in any subsequent/future catalog.
6. Limit on hours earned through ACT and CLEP examinations, Adult Learning and Education Experiences, AP, and correspondence work (or combination of the previous) will apply as described in the WNMU catalog.

C. Program Exchange and Specific Articulation Agreements

1. WNMU and SFCC will work together to identify and recruit SFCC and WNMU students from foreign communities and/or indigenous colleges with whom WNMU or SFCC has articulation agreements. SFCC areas of enrollment focus will include Human Services, Psychology, Fine Arts, Liberal Arts, Business, Education, and Trades, Advanced Technology, Sustainability, and Professional Studies.
2. WNMU and SFCC agree to prioritize the completion of individual articulation agreements in the disciplines of Human Services, Psychology, Fine Arts, Liberal Arts, Business, Education, Trades, Advanced Technology, Sustainability, and Professional Studies.

D. Other Areas of Collaboration

1. WNMU and SFCC agree to foster a collaborative relationship by offering the other the opportunity to partner in new and emerging academic and non-academic activities and programs. Activities or programs may include but are not limited to (a) research, cultural, and educational exchange activities; (b) grant application for the development of new academic and non-academic programs; (c) development of special, short-term academic programs; (d) participation in seminars and academic research meetings; (e) exchange of academic materials, publications, and other resources.
2. In the interest of improving student success after transfer, WNMU and SFCC agree to share data as stipulated in an accompanying data sharing agreement, titled "MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING For a Transfer Data Analysis Project Between Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) And Western New Mexico University (WNMU)".

E. Separate Agreements

1. WNMU and SFCC agree that each school will designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programs before initiating any specific activity or programs.

F. Implementation of the Agreement

1. WNMU and SFCC agree to review this agreement every third year from inception or as needed. SFCC and WNMU will designate an individual to serve as a liaison for monitoring this agreement. Each institution will provide updated catalogs to the other immediately upon their availability. Upon request, WNMU agrees to provide SFCC reports on enrolled SJC transfer students, their majors, and academic performance to the extent permitted by law. WNMU and SFCC agree to assist each other in promoting this agreement appropriately in their respective promotional materials, events, websites, and reports.
2. All notices to be given shall be delivered in writing as follows:

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3. SFCC and WNMU will cooperate in developing program-specific articulation agreements. These agreements may be developed and amended without affecting this Master Agreement.
4. This agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party on ninety (90) days prior to written notice. In the event of the dissolution of this agreement, the terms contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum transitional period of two (2) years to accommodate students already enrolled under the agreement.

5. Special cases not explicitly or implicitly described in the current MOU will be considered on a case-by-case basis by mutual agreement between SFCC /WNMU representatives.

II. SIGNATURES

Date: 9/20/2021

Dr. Joseph Shepard
President
Western New Mexico University

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