



January 17, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: Jim Murdaugh, President 
SUBJECT: Articulation Agreement with FAMU

Item Description

The attached document is a specialized articulation agreement with FAMU that will further strengthen our relationship.

Overview and Background

State of Florida statutes provide a strong basis for articulation from community college programs to state universities that are well honored by FAMU. However, at times it is in the best interest of our students to enter into more specific agreements regarding certain programs and articulation opportunities. The FAMU agreement attached affirms our joint commitment to articulation, encourages sharing of data, and increases opportunities for joint advising. In addition to this agreement, we have a new FAMU resource room in the Student Union, "The Rattler Room," that will be staffed by FAMU professionals with posted hours weekly. The agreement also provides increased scholarship opportunities for TCC students who transfer to FAMU.

Past Actions by the Board

This item has not been presented previously.

Funding/Financial Implications

There are no significant operational costs for TCC associated with this item. TCC will provide office space in the Student Union with furnishings and computers for the Rattler Room.

Staff Resource

Barbara Sloan

Recommended Action

That the Board approve the attached Articulation Agreement between FAMU and TCC.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between
The District Board of Trustees of Tallahassee Community College, Florida
and
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

WHEREAS, this agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”) dated January 1, 2012 establishes a Transfer Program (hereinafter referred to as the “Program”) in which an undergraduate student will attain an Associates degree from Tallahassee Community College (hereinafter referred to as “TCC”) and then transfer to a Bachelor degree program at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as “FAMU”) (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”). After completing the academic requirements of the two participating institutions, the students will have earned an Associate of Arts degree from TCC and a Bachelor degree from FAMU.

§ 1. Program of Study

§1.1 Participating students shall complete the following at TCC:

- An Associate in Arts degree
- Joint Academic Advising

§1.2 All courses designated within the general education component of the TCC degree will fully transfer to the general education component of FAMU’s Bachelor degree programs. The student’s entire A.A. degree will be accepted towards 60 semester hours of a FAMU Bachelor degree program.

§1.3 Participating students will be required to complete at FAMU, a program of study, which equals approximately the number of hours required in the junior and senior years of the degree program being sought. Students who have completed the statewide common prerequisites for a bachelor’s program will be able to enter the upper division, if accepted into that particular degree program. Students who successfully complete the aforementioned TCC Associates degree program will need to complete FAMU credit hours of additional coursework in order to satisfy all the degree requirements associated with FAMU’s Bachelor degree program.

§1.4 The total Program shall satisfy all requirements for the degrees sought at TCC and FAMU.

§2. Admission

- §2.1 TCC is an open-admissions institution that assesses the holders of a high school diploma (or equivalent) wishing to enter the Program and places them into courses on the basis of their academic background and demonstrated experience in specific courses.
- §2.2 In order to be admitted to FAMU in a program of study a student must:
- complete the Associate of Arts degree
 - submit application materials for evaluation to FAMU
 - meet the requirements for admission to FAMU and the applicable program and be accepted at FAMU, and
 - attain the same minimum overall Grade Point Average as all other transfers to the FAMU degree programs,.

§3. Program Management and Reporting

- §3.1 So as to assure the admission and academic success of participating students, FAMU and TCC agree to develop, maintain, and improve, as necessary, a Program management and reporting system.
- §3.2 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 available at FACTS.org.
 - Provide any other information that may be helpful with monitoring and supporting the academic success of participating Program students.
- §3.3 TCC will:
- Provide the opportunity for FAMU to participate in TCC's annual College Night.
 - Provide FAMU admission requirement information to all prospective TCC-FAMU transfer students.

- Provide the opportunity for FAMU staff to make a 10 -minute presentation at a Vice President of Student Affairs staff meeting once a year.

§3.4 FAMU University will:

- A key obligation of FAMU under this Agreement is to provide matriculation data to TCC. 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 Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness at TCC. FAMU shall continually provide any additional reports that become available during the term of this Agreement to the Associate Vice President as they become available.

- Offer scholarships to eligible TCC graduates determined by Cumulative Grade Point Average:

CUMULATIVE GPA	ANNUAL AWARD
2.50 – 2.74	\$1,500
2.75 – 3.00	\$2,000
3.01 – 3.49	\$3,000
3.50 – 3.99 or PTK	\$4,000
4.0	\$5,000

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- §3.5 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 Associate Dean for Curriculum at TCC.

§4. Term/Termination/Modification

- §4.1 The effective date of this Agreement shall be January 1, 2012 and shall continue for a period of ten (10) years through January 1, 2022 in accordance with the provisions stated above. This Agreement may be extended or renewed upon written agreement of the Parties.

- §4.2 This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party given at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Termination date. However, it is understood and agreed that any student participating in the TCC degree programs identified in section 1 specifically tracked for admission to FAMU or already admitted to FAMU due to this Agreement, will be allowed to complete the Program, notwithstanding the termination provisions above, so long as the student remains in good academic standing and is making measured progress towards completion of a degree program. A student who satisfies these requirements will continue to receive the full benefit of any

scholarship(s) awarded pursuant to § 3.4 of this Agreement, notwithstanding the termination of the Agreement, provided that the scholarship(s) was awarded prior to the date of the written notice of termination required by this section.

§4.3 This Agreement is subject to change or modification by mutual written consent between the Parties hereto. It is understood and agreed, however, that this Agreement may be modified unilaterally by FAMU as may be necessary to bring it within the purview of and in accord with the directives of the President of FAMU, and the policies and regulations of FAMU. However, it is understood and agreed that no such modifications shall negate the participation of any student participating in the TCC degree programs identified in section 1 of this Agreement specifically tracked for admission to FAMU or already admitted to FAMU so long as the student remains in good academic standing and is making measured progress towards completion of a degree program.

This Agreement is subject to change by legislative action and action of State University or College governing bodies or external accrediting agencies.

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties in connection with the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous agreements between the parties whether written or oral.

In Witness Whereof, the parties have caused this Articulation Agreement to be signed as follows:

AGREED:

THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, FLORIDA

By:

Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D. Date
President

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By:

Dr. James H. Ammons Date
President