

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN
FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FOR THE
BACHELOR OF INTEGRATIVE STUDIES DEGREE

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (hereinafter “Agreement”) is entered into by Ferris State University, a Michigan constitutionally-created public institution of higher education, located in Big Rapids, Michigan 49307 (hereinafter “Ferris”) and Alpena Community College (hereinafter “Alpena”) on this 1st day of September, 2009.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ferris is a Michigan public university with its main campus located in Big Rapids, Michigan, and offers a Bachelor of Integrative Studies degree (hereinafter the “Bachelor’s Program”); and,

WHEREAS, Alpena is a Michigan community college with a campus in Alpena, Michigan, and offers Associate Degrees in transfer and occupational programs (hereinafter the “Associate Program”); and,

WHEREAS, the Alpena Associate Program includes courses that may be applied toward the Ferris Bachelor’s Program; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris and Alpena desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to Alpena’s students in the Associate Program through the Ferris Bachelor’s Program;

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, the parties, desiring to articulate the nature of their collaboration, hereby agree to the terms listed below. Further, Ferris is a party to the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) Transfer Agreement and has general education transfer guidelines ("guidelines") as set forth in an Academic Affairs Policy Letter. Except as governed by the MACRAO Agreement or the guidelines, the following terms shall apply:

1. Alpena students who complete the Associate Program with a cumulative grade point average of not less than a 2.00 on a 4.00 scale (hereinafter the “Qualified Student”) may

apply to the Bachelor's Program at Ferris. If the Qualified Student is admitted to Ferris for the Bachelor's Program, Ferris shall permit the Qualified Student to transfer appropriate credits in the Associate Program toward the Bachelor's Program for those courses that the qualified student received a grade of C (or a 2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher, and for those courses that the Qualified Student received a grade of Pass (hereinafter a "Pass") for a course completed on a Pass or Fail basis, provided, however, that Alpena's definition of a Pass does not include the equivalent of a grade lower than a grade of C (or a 2.00 on a 4.00 scale). Not all credits that are transferable to Ferris will fulfill requirements of the Bachelor's Program. Students must meet all Bachelor's Program requirements for graduation. Qualified Students who have earned not less than forty (48) credits shall be considered juniors for academic purposes at Ferris, provided, however, that such Qualified Students received a grade of C (or a 2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher, or a Pass, in such transferred credits.

2. Ferris and Alpena establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other's autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from Alpena may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and Alpena recognize that Ferris may refuse admission to any person who does not meet all admissions requirements set by Ferris.

3. Attached hereto, and made a part hereof, is the transfer plan for the Bachelor's Program (hereinafter the "Articulation Guide"), setting forth the Bachelor's Program prerequisites, including the course equivalencies for the Ferris Bachelor's Program and Alpena's Associate Program that are the subject of transfer from Alpena to Ferris by Qualified Students. The Articulation Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and Alpena. Ferris and Alpena will communicate regularly, but not less than once every year, regarding any required programmatic changes, and shall inform each other in writing of the impact of any programmatic changes on the Articulation Guide prior to the implementation of any programmatic changes.

4. Students may concurrently take courses at both Ferris and Alpena and have access to advising and other services at both institutions. Ferris and Alpena will maintain their financial aid consortium agreement that permits the allocation and distribution of financial aid to Qualified Students between Ferris and Alpena. However, due to federal regulations, students who require financial aid will be required to take a minimum of six (6) total credits from both institutions combined. To be eligible for financial aid, students must be admitted to a degree granting program at their "home" institution.

5. Ferris and Alpena anticipate offering, depending upon enrollment, available facilities, and available faculty or instructors, courses required for the completion of the Bachelor's Program as shown on the Articulation Guide. Ferris courses will be delivered either locally, online, or in a blended format.

6. This agreement shall be for a term of three (3) years. Ferris or Alpena may terminate this Agreement by providing the other party with written notice, by first class mail, of the termination of the Agreement. The Agreement shall terminate not less than one hundred

eighty (180) days from the date of the termination notice, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties.

7. This Agreement is intended solely for the mutual benefit of the parties hereto, and there is no intention, express or otherwise, to create any rights or interests for any party or person other than Ferris and Alpena. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no rights are intended to be created for any student, qualified student, as defined herein, parent or guardian of any student, or employer or prospective employer of any student.

8. No amendment or modification to this Agreement, including any amendment or modification of this paragraph, shall be effective unless the same is in writing and signed by the party to be charged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written in the preamble to this Agreement.

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We, the representatives of Ferris State University and Alpena Community College, agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for a period of three (3) years, effective September 1, 2009, through September 1, 2012.

Signatures

Ferris State University

Alpena Community College

David Eisler
President

Olin Joynton
President

Fritz Erickson
Provost and Vice President

Mark A. Curtis
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