Memorandum of Understanding between

Prince George's Community College and University of Maryland, Baltimore County

TRANSFER STUDENT ALLIANCE (TSA)

Preamble:

This agreement between the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) and Prince George's Community College (PGCC) affirms the initiation of a partnership, the Transfer Student Alliance (TSA), designed to increase access and encourage greater academic success for students transferring from PGCC to UMBC.

Program Overview:

The Transfer Student Alliance (TSA) offers eligible PGCC students who intend to earn a bachelor's degree at UMBC upon completion of their associate's degree at PGCC the opportunity to benefit from joint programmatic efforts, shared resources and other privileges while still enrolled at PGCC. Upon successful completion of the program and initiation of transfer to UMBC, eligible students will be guaranteed admission, scholarship, and housing.

Efforts:

Prince George's Community College and The University of Maryland, Baltimore County will implement a Transfer Student Alliance (TSA) program with the following guidelines:

1. PGCC and UMBC will begin implementation of the program in fall 2010 (with the first cohort to matriculate at UMBC in fall 2012).
2. PGCC and UMBC will continue independently to recruit and make offers of freshman admission.
3. PGCC and UMBC will collaborate on strategies to promote the TSA program including mass and targeted marketing efforts that are consistent with each institution’s ordinary and normal marketing plans and budgets.
4. PGCC will identify eligible candidates – students who have completed between 12 and 30 credits with a minimum of 3.25 GPA.
5. Upon qualifying eligible candidates, which includes obtaining permission from applicants to disclose information to UMBC, annually PGCC will make available to the UMBC Office of Undergraduate Admissions prospective program candidates' current addresses and student academic records information. UMBC will invite students to apply for participation in the TSA program.

6. Students accepted for the TSA program participation will be extended the following privileges:
   a. access to UMBC facilities and campus services including libraries and computer laboratories
   b. student activities including cultural and recreational opportunities (fee-based events will be at the expense of the student)
   c. concurrent enrollment at a 25% tuition discount for one UMBC course per term (not to exceed a total of three discounted courses).

7. Upon successful completion of the Requirements detailed below, students will be eligible for the following privileges:
   a. Guaranteed transfer admission to UMBC
   b. Priority advising and registration on designated New Student Orientation Course Selection Day.
   c. Guaranteed on-campus housing in upper class student housing community (Walker Avenue Apartments) upon initial matriculation. Eligible students may re-contract for housing for subsequent years of study, per the established deadlines of the UMBC Office of Residential Life.
   d. $1,500 merit scholarship for each of two years of full-time study. This award can be accepted with other UMBC merit award offers.
   e. PGCC Honors Academy students who are TSA members and admitted to the UMBC Honors College are entitled to the benefits afforded to TSA and Honors College Members.

8. Requirements:
   a. Completion of an associate's degree with a minimum cumulative 3.5 Composite-GPA within four years of initial TSA program qualification.
   b. Enrollment at UMBC within one year of completion of the associate's degree;
   c. Not matriculated at any other institution of higher education after program acceptance.

General oversight of this agreement:

This agreement is applicable for students enrolled at Prince George's Community College as of fall semester 2010 and upon the execution date of this agreement. This agreement may be modified by the mutual written consent of both parties. This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving notice six months in advance to the other party. Such termination will not affect the participation in the articulated programs of those Prince George's Community College students who have been fully or conditionally admitted to UMBC.

Any notice to be given hereunder shall be given in writing by U.S. mail or via reputable overnight courier (e.g., Federal Express, DHL, etc.). Notice shall be deemed received when sent via U.S. mail or reputable overnight courier to the party to whom the notice is directed or to its
agent, in the case of UMBC to: UMBC, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, Maryland 21250, Attn: Dr. Elliot Hirshman, Provost, with copies to Dr. Diane Lee, Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate Education, Ms. Yvette Mozie-Ross, Assistant Provost, Enrollment Management, and University Registrar (to be named); and, in the case of Prince George's Community College to: Prince George's Community College, 301 Largo Road, Largo, MD 20774, Attn: Dr. Sandra Dunnington, Vice President for Academic Affairs, with copies to Dr. Verna Teasdale, Senior Academic Administrator. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that this agreement provides that any notice must be directed to a person other than the person designated for the receipt of notice in the preceding sentence, then notice must be directed to such other person in order to be effective hereunder.

This Memorandum of Understanding embodies the entire agreement and understanding among the parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof and may not be changed orally, but only by an instrument in writing signed by all parties hereto. No representation, warranty, undertaking or covenant is made by any party hereto except as contained herein and any others are specifically disclaimed. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Maryland (i.e., without regard to its conflicts of law rules). This agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors, but shall not inure to the benefit of any third party beneficiary. This agreement and any rights hereunder may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other, and any purported assignment without consent shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever. This Memorandum of Understanding may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

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