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**Memorandum of Understanding between**

**College of Southern Maryland and University of Maryland, Baltimore County**

**TRANSFER STUDENT ALLIANCE (TSA)**

**Preamble:**

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

*Program Overview:*

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

**Efforts:**

College of Southern Maryland and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County will implement a Transfer Student Alliance (TSA) program with the following guidelines:

1. College of Southern Maryland and UMBC will begin implementation of the program in fall 2017 (with the first cohort to matriculate at UMBC in fall 2018).
2. College of Southern Maryland and UMBC will continue independently to recruit and make offers of freshman admission.
3. College of Southern Maryland and UMBC will collaborate on strategies to promote the TSA program including mass and targeted marketing efforts.
4. College of Southern Maryland will identify eligible candidates – students who have completed between 12 and 35 college-level credits with a minimum of 3.0 GPA – and work with UMBC Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Orientation to provide these candidates printed and electronic information.



5. Students accepted for participation in the TSA program 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).
6. Upon successful completion of the Requirements detailed below, students will be eligible for the following privileges:
  - a. Guaranteed transfer admission to UMBC. Please note that selected programs (i.e. Visual Arts, Engineering) may have additional requirements for students to pursue the intended course of study. Students must meet all other eligibility requirements for admission to UMBC.
  - b. Priority advising and registration on designated New Student Orientation day.
  - c. Guaranteed on-campus housing in the upper class student housing community 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.
7. Requirements:
  - a. Completion of an associate 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 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 College of Southern Maryland 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 College of Southern Maryland students who have been fully or conditionally admitted to UMBC. As agreed to by both parties, this agreement will be reviewed and updated every five years.



Any notice to be given hereunder shall be given in writing by U.S. mail or via reputable over night courier (e.g., Federal Express, DHL, etc.). Notice shall be deemed received upon delivery 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: Office of the Provost, with copies to Office of the Vice Provost, Undergraduate Education, Office of Enrollment Management, and Registrar's Office; and, in the case of College of Southern Maryland to: College of Southern Maryland, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, MD, 20646-0910, Attn: Vice President of Division of Student and Instructional Support. 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.

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

College of Southern Maryland



Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski III      Date

President



Dr. Bradley Gottfried      Date

President

Approved for Legal Sufficiency  
UMBC  
Office of the General Counsel

