Articulation and Transfer Agreement Between
Angelina College
And
Stephen F. Austin State University

Statement of Purpose:
The purpose of this agreement is to maximize the resources available through the missions of Angelina College and Stephen F. Austin State University in order to attract students to East Texas, assist them in remaining in East Texas to complete a degree, create a “seamless” transfer process, and support concurrent enrollment when appropriate. The result of this agreement should be increased enrollment and degree completion for both institutions.

General Areas of Agreement:
This agreement shall include the following:
► Transfer planning and course equivalency guides
► Shared databases and recruiting efforts
► Coordination of financial aid opportunities
► Course and schedule coordination

This agreement recognizes the fact that transfer by 21st century Texas college students is often not a one-time event, but rather is often a complex process involving co-enrollment, distance learning, and multiple course transfer and articulation of credits.

Terms and Conditions:
Transfer Planning and Course Equivalency Guides
In order to establish and improve the transfer process for our mutual students, we agree to the following:

SFA and AC jointly develop transfer planning guides and course equivalency guides utilizing both SFA and AC course numbers (the state’s common course numbering system) for all majors offered at SFA. By creating these on-line guides, SFA and AC assure students that courses listed in these guides are freely transferable between SFA and AC.

AC students who follow the recommended program of study and who meet all other admission requirements shall be eligible for admissions to SFA. Transfer students must meet the same standards and criteria for admissions to major degree sequence as a native SFA student. SFA encourages community college transfer students to complete the appropriate Associate’s Degree.

Representatives from SFA and AC will meet or make contact once each year to exchange course catalogs and update course equivalencies, transfer planning guides, and transfer admission information to be used the subsequent academic year.

SFA and AC academic administrators will meet to discuss partnerships between individual academic departments and academic degree programs. When partnerships are formed, the SFA and AC administrators will develop a separate articulation and transfer agreement form and organize an official signing through the Executive Director of Enrollment Management at SFA, Assistant Director of Articulation and Transfer at SFA and representatives from AC.
SFA will continue to offer the Community College Transfer Scholarship to AC students who meet the stated criteria. SFA will work closely with the AC students to inform them of other scholarship and financial aid opportunities.

Both SFA and AC will seek to publicize successful collaborations and partnerships such as the “grow your own” teacher education program; jointly provided nursing courses, and any of the results of the initiatives listed in this agreement.

Shared Databases and Recruiting Efforts

Upon request, Angelina College will freely provide SFA a database of all students enrolled having completed 45 or more hours with a transferable G.P.A. so that SFA can communicate with students for recruiting purposes, including information about the transfer scholarships.

AC will broadly publicize on campus visits of SFA recruiters with at least two planned visits each semester and prominently display all SFA posters and literature.

SFA will send letters to those not accepted for admission, or provide the database to AC, to encourage enrollment at AC until such time as they can be accepted into SFA.

SFA and AC will seek to provide joint higher education information seminars.

SFA will seek to develop an AC/SFA student activity pass which would allow AC students who pay a fee to enjoy some of the privileges of SFA campus life including admission to athletic events, use of the library and student center, and other selected activities which would encourage enrollment at SFA.

Coordination of Financial Aid Opportunities

Both Financial Aid offices will seek to coordinate Financial Aid for concurrently/co-enrolled students.

Students eligible for the SFA Community College Transfer Scholarships will be encouraged to complete the Associate’s Degree.

Course and Schedule Coordination

SFA will continue to offer selected upper-level courses on the campus of Angelina College and at the Jasper Center if classroom space is available. AC will provide classroom space at one-half of the usual space rental fees and allow SFA students to use all campus facilities and provide parking permits for the standard AC fee.

SFA will assist AC in long-range plans for a university teaching center to be located on the AC campus in which space will be allocated for SFA off-campus and distance learning activities. AC will attempt to secure funding for such a facility.

SFA agrees not to offer lower division courses off-campus in the AC service area without consultation and Regional Council approval.
SFA and AC commitment to collaborate on a long range plan to deliver an array of courses and programs, appropriate to the mission of each institution that meet the needs of East Texas students. AC will endeavor to offer selected classes in Nacogdoches at a site convenient for concurrent enrollment for SFA students or for students seeking admission to SFA.

Agreement Continuation and Dissolution:

This agreement will be reviewed every two years, or any time changes are to be made by SFA or AC. The SFA President and the AC President, or their designees, must approve amendments to this agreement. This agreement is effective upon signing by the involved parties, and each is free to publicize this partnership in a manner consistent with the agreement. This articulation agreement shall remain effective until one, or both, institutions deem it necessary to terminate it in writing.

Notice and Requests:
All notices, requests and other communication required shall be done in writing and delivered to:

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