Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Stephen F. Austin State University
and
Angelina College, Kilgore College, and Panola College

Stephen F. Austin State University and Angelina College, Kilgore College, and Panola College understand that the present state initiative to increase students entering teacher education makes it desirable for institutions of higher education in East Texas to collaborate on teacher preparation. Such cooperation enhances the quality of each institution's programs, provides beneficial educational opportunities to their students, and enhances recruitment of people to the teaching field.

All four institutions wish to promote the decision of students during their freshman and sophomore years to commit to teacher certification. Toward that goal, leaders are prepared to engage in the following activities:

- Offer one or more professional education courses on the community college campus delivered by SFA faculty.
- Offer one or more professional education courses on the community college campus delivered by community college faculty.
- Jointly recruit first and second year students to teacher certification.
- Publicize this collaborative project.

Administration of the understanding:

The understanding will remain in effect for one year with an option to renew after joint assessment in the summer of 2003. The dean will be responsible for the direction and supervision of all activities of the joint programs under this agreement, subject to the rules and regulations pertaining to each institution. The selection of students, faculty, and staff members participating in the programs and outlined in this understanding will occur through a mutually agreed process involving all the institutions.

Approval of the understanding:

This understanding will become effective upon being signed by the presidents/representatives of both institutions.

Dr. Tito Guerrero, President
Stephen F. Austin State University

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Gregory Powell
President
Panola College

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