Amendment No. 1
to the
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
for the
Texas A&M Engineering Academy at Blinn College

This Amendment No. 1 modifies that certain agreement “Agreement” effective as of April 1, 2015 between the Texas A&M University-College Station, and its Dwight Look College of Engineering "TAMU-CS" and "CoE", and Blinn College, having a place of business at 902 College Avenue, Brenham, TX 77833 and an additional campus at 2423 Blinn Blvd., P.O. Box 6030, Bryan, TX 77805, hereinafter referred to as "Blinn" in unison and Blinn-Brenham and Blinn-Bryan when specifically differentiated by campus, each of the aforementioned being referred to individually as the "Party" or collectively as the "Parties".

The Parties hereto have severally and collectively agreed and by the execution hereof are bound to the mutual obligations and to the performances expressed in the original Agreement and subject to this Amendment No. 1.

Amend Section 4. FINANCIAL, Blinn College will:

a) Provide faculty, staff, and facilities to support the activities and functions of the Academy including, but not limited to, STEM faculty, academic advisors, computer labs, offices, tutors, sufficient network bandwidth capacity, faculty support resources, and the like.

b) Assume financial responsibility for all necessary equipment and supplies needed to ensure the quality of engineering courses taught by CoE faculty on Blinn campuses are comparable to that of CoE courses taught on the TAMU-CS campus including, but not limited to, projection capabilities, multiple display screens or monitors to accommodate a large classroom setting, and class space conducive to active-collaborative learning.

c) Provide a living learning community (LLC) opportunity in the Blinn College Park Apartments located on the Brenham campus for a minimum of 100 Academy participants.

Amend Section 4. FINANCIAL, CoE will:

a) Provide CoE faculty and associated support to teach the engineering courses for participants enrolled in the Academy at the Blinn-Brenham campus. The participants enrolled in the Academy at Blinn-Bryan will take their engineering courses at TAMU-CS.

b) Provide academic advising, curriculum supplies for student projects, access to tutors, BYOD helpdesk, and the like.

c) Provide faculty development opportunities for Blinn College STEM instructors as is appropriate and available.

Amend Section 6. OVERSIGHT AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE:
The Parties will mutually agree upon and establish an Oversight and Coordination Committee (OCC). Each Party will appoint a minimum of five individuals, consisting of at least one faculty and one administrative representative, to serve on the committee. The committee will meet two to three times per year (at the end of each semester) to discuss, resolve and improve upon programmatic policies, instruction methods, course curriculum, student success and academic or disciplinary appeals. A provisional action plan may be developed by the members of the OCC to help retain students with the highest probability for success or to address other factors after a review of the data reports.
Amend Section 7. STEERING COMMITTEE:
The Parties will mutually agree upon and establish a Steering Committee (SC). Each Party will appoint a minimum of four individuals to serve on the committee. Each Party will have at least one representative on the SC that overlaps with the OCC. The committee will meet once a year to review the activities of the Academy. The Committee will assist the Academy in achieving its objectives by:
   a) Reviewing and commenting on strategic goals and plans.
   b) Providing recommendations regarding strategic program modifications and revisions to this agreement to facilitate the Academy in achieving its goals.

Amend appendix A.1. Blinn-Bryan campus section e.:
An option to apply for early entrance into an engineering degree granting major is available for Academy students who have completed a minimum of two math, two science, and two engineering courses approved by the CoE and have earned a minimum 2.5 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) at both institutions as calculated by TAMU-CS by the end of the semester in which they submit an application. The option to apply for early entrance is available as early as second semester.
   • Academy students may be eligible for automatic early entrance into their highest ranked major provided they have completed a minimum of two math, two science and two engineering courses approved by the CoE and have earned a minimum 3.5 CGPA at both institutions as calculated by TAMU-CS by the end of the semester in which they submit an application. This automatic early entrance option is only available for students applying for entry into a CoE degree granting major during their second semester of co-enrollment. Academy students will complete the entire calculus sequence at Blinn-Bryan required for the admitted major prior to the semester of full enrollment.

Amend appendix A.1. Blinn-Brenham campus section b.:
Continuing students at Blinn-Brenham who wish to participate in the Academy will complete a Texas A&M Engineering Academy application consisting of all the information collected on the ApplyTexas application [Biographical information, educational background and information, test scores, residency information, extracurricular and volunteer activities, employment information, custom questions for the institution, etc.].

Amend appendix A.1. Blinn-Brenham campus section e.
Blinn-Brenham will pre-qualify students and provide the pre-qualified students instructions to access the Texas A&M Engineering Academy application. Blinn-Brenham and TAMU-CS will agree on a desired applicant pool for each admission term.

Amend appendix A.1. Blinn-Brenham campus section h.
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Remove appendix A.4.b Blinn-Bryan and Blinn-Brenham campus section
Any transferable credits earned through institutions other than Blinn College’s specific campus or TAMU-CS prior to entry into the Academy will count toward the partner institution credit requirement only; grades received for these credits will not count toward the Blinn College GPA requirement. Once a student has entered the Academy, all credits must be earned at TAMU-CS and Blinn College if they are to be used to satisfy Academy completion requirements. Any Credit by Examination received through TAMU-CS before the start of the Academy will count toward the Blinn College credit requirement.

Add Appendix A.4.c. to the Blinn-Bryan campus section
Any transferable credits earned through institutions other than Blinn College’s specific campus or TAMU-CS prior to entry into the Academy will count toward the partner institution credit requirement only; grades received for these credits will not count toward the Blinn College GPA requirement. Once a student has entered the Academy, all credits must be earned at TAMU-CS and Blinn College if they are to be used to satisfy Academy completion requirements. Any Credit by Examination received through TAMU-CS before the start of the Academy will count toward the Blinn College credit requirement.

Add Appendix A.4.c. to the Blinn-Brenham campus section
Any transferable credits earned through institutions other than Blinn College’s specific campus or TAMU-CS prior to entry into the Academy will count toward the partner institution credit requirement only; grades received for these credits will not count toward the Blinn College GPA requirement. Once a student has entered the Academy, all credits must be earned at TAMU-CS and Blinn College-Brenham if they are to be used to satisfy Academy requirements. Exceptions to the Blinn College-Brenham course requirement will be at the discretion of the designated offices and administration. Any Credit by Examination received through TAMU-CS before the start of the Academy will count toward the Blinn College credit requirement.

The Blinn-Bryan financial aid structure will remain with TAMU-CS processing as the responsible party. Due to federal regulations, only coursework that counts towards the student’s degree may be used in determining the hours of enrollment for financial aid purposes. Thus, only coursework from both Blinn and Texas A&M that counts towards an engineering degree may be used in determining the hours of enrollment for financial aid purposes.

Amend appendix A.12. Reverse Transfer
An Academy student, upon eligibility, will be reviewed for reverse transfer to receive their Associate Degree from Blinn. The reverse transfer process will be continually reviewed and administratively enhanced by the CoE to maximize the number of Associate Degrees awarded to Academy students.
Add appendix A.14. Exchange of Student Records

Academy students' academic and disciplinary records will be maintained and kept current on both campuses with appropriate periodic exchange of information between Blinn and TAMU-CS. To facilitate the exchange of student records and the appropriate application of coursework toward the fulfillment of degree requirements, Academy students will be required to permit the release of their academic records and allow the bilateral sharing of those records between Blinn and TAMU-CS. This includes exchange of student transcripts each term between Blinn and TAMU-CS. No money will be exchanged between the parties for services under this Agreement.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the original Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Signed and Agreed:

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Provost and Executive Vice President

Date: 7-14-16

TEXAS A&M COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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BLINN COLLEGE

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