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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND BLINN COLLEGE
COLLABORATIVE BUSINESS PROGRAMS AGREEMENT

The College of Business Administration (COBA) at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) and the Division of Business, Professional and Technology Education at Blinn College will enter into a collaborative agreement in March, 2011. This agreement focuses on two strategic goals:

1. An **articulation agreement** resulting in a seamless transfer to the College of Business Administration by students from Blinn College. The agreement is focused around students completing their first two years at Blinn College and receiving an Associate degree; then transferring to TAMUK's College of Business Administration with junior standing.
2. Blinn College (CBC) will inform its graduates that they can pursue their education at TAMUK in COBA with a choice of three **business administration degree completion options** that can be facilitated through a combination of face-to-face, blended, and online courses. Thus, students will have the opportunity to successfully earn either the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree or a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) degree from TAMUK.

The following pages of this agreement describe its contents and implementation.

1. **2+2 Program:** The student receives a Blinn College Associate in Arts Degree and, as a result of having been pre-approved by Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) and Kingsville's College of Business Administration (COBA), seamlessly transfers into the COBA with junior standing.

The COBA business core (BUSCORE) courses are available online from the COBA, and therefore can be taken while completing the Associate degree if the Blinn College student meets COBA admission requirements. (Note: COBA courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher.) Students who meet the COBA admission requirements will be allowed to register for select 3000-level courses and maintain joint enrollment at Blinn College while completing the Associate in Arts Degree.

2. **BBA Online Business Alliance Program:** This completely online program will facilitate a CBC student, typically at the sophomore level, to be concurrently enrolled at Blinn College and enrolled in TAMUK pre-approved online 1000, 2000, and select 3000 level courses that count towards the Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a Business Administration emphasis. (Note: COBA courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher.) Once a Blinn College student graduates and is solely enrolled at TAMUK, the student will complete all remaining required course work **online** to receive the BBA degree.
3. **Associate in Applied Science Degree and Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S) Degree:** The TAMUK B.A.A.S degree will be available for those students who complete their Associate in Applied Science Degree. These students can enroll in the TAMUK B.A.A.S program and have a business emphasis by taking up to 27 credits of business course from a pre-selected list of courses. The balance of needed courses will focus on completing all of the General Education requirements for the baccalaureate degree. Each student will meet with a B.A.A.S. academic advisor in TAMUK's University College to determine all of his/her course requirements to complete the B.A.A.S degree.

BLINN COLLEGE STUDENT ADVISING:

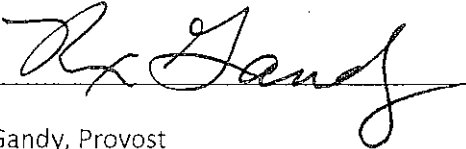
The COBA's Coordinator, student recruitment and GE advising, will work closely with Blinn's Division Chair: Business, Information Technology, and Public Service. This advising collaboration will ensure CBC students meet the COBA pre-business admission requirements and the general education requirements and electives as part of the Associate degree.

MARKETING OF THE THREE PROGRAMS:

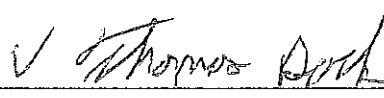
This partnership will focus primarily on information sharing and promotion of a combination of face-to-face, blended, and online learning. The strategic marketing goal is to offer Blinn College students the opportunity to either move to Kingsville for their junior and senior years or minimize the need to commute or relocate to Kingsville to complete their business degree. This option is especially critical for those students who are "time and place bound" as they can remain in their local community while taking courses to complete their degree.

AGREEMENT SIGNATURES:

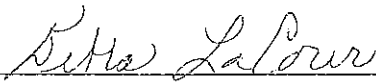
The following representatives of Texas A&M University-Kingsville and Blinn College agree to support the collaborative efforts necessary to implement the above described joint programs.

 4-22-11


Rex Gandy, Provost Date
Texas A&M University - Kingsville

 4/22/11


V. Thomas Dock, Dean Date
College of Business Administration
Texas A&M University - Kingsville

 4-13-11

Debra LaCour, Vice President Date
Academic Affairs
Blinn College

 4-13-11

Mark A. Wilkening, Chair Date
Business, Information Technology, & Public Service
Blinn College - Brenham Campus

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Michael G. Schaefer, Chair Date
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April 19, 2011

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Dr. Dock:

Enclosed you will find the signed articulation agreement between Blinn College and Texas A&M University – Kingsville related to areas of study in business administration. Please return a copy of the agreement when all signatures have been secured. We at Blinn College look forward to continuing our working relationship with TAMUK and benefiting all interested students. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra LaCour".

Debra R. LaCour, Ph.D.
Vice President Academic Affairs