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.

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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,

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

Blinn College

Division of Mathematics, Business, Engineering, and Technology (MBET)

Texas A&M University–Kingsville (TAMUK)
Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering

Associate of Science in Engineering (Blinn)

and

Bachelor of Science Degrees in Engineering (TAMUK)

Architectural Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Natural Gas Engineering

This articulation agreement is designed to facilitate the transfer of students from the Associate of Science in Engineering (ASE) program at Blinn College (Blinn) to the Bachelor of Science programs in Architectural Engineering (BSAE), Chemical Engineering (BSChemE), Civil Engineering (BSCE), Electrical Engineering (BSEE), Environmental Engineering (BSEnEnvE), Mechanical Engineering (BSME), and Natural Gas Engineering (BSNGE) programs at Texas A&M University Kingsville (TAMUK). The Division of Mathematics, Business, Engineering, and Technology at Blinn College and TAMUK, on behalf of its Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering enter into this agreement under the following provisions:

1. Articulation for the purpose of student transfer between the above departments refers specifically to this written agreement that identifies courses, or sequence of courses, from Blinn that are comparable to, or acceptable in lieu of, specific course requirements at TAMUK and enable the student’s progression to the next level of course sequence or requirements at TAMUK.

2. All Blinn courses listed in the Blinn-TAMUK Course Map are transferable to TAMUK and satisfy the indicated courses in the various TAMUK BS engineering degree programs.

3. Both parties to this agreement acknowledge that, in accordance with Sec. 61.822 of the Texas Education Code, completion of all requirements of the Blinn Core Curriculum will satisfy all TAMUK General Education requirements. However, a Blinn student transferring to TAMUK before completion of the Blinn Core Curriculum is subject to a course-by-course evaluation of
his/her transcript for acceptance by TAMUK and fulfillment of the TAMUK General Education requirements.

4. The maximum number of hours for which a Blinn student may receive transfer credit at TAMUK is 72 hours.

5. All articulated mathematics, science, and engineering courses must be completed with a “C” or better for acceptance into any BS engineering program at TAMUK.

6. Blinn students wishing to transfer must apply for admission to TAMUK and meet all University and College of Engineering admission requirements.

7. All students, including students intending to transfer from Blinn, are strongly encouraged to work closely with a TAMUK College of Engineering Academic Advisor to ensure timely completion of all BS degree requirements and adherence to the provisions of this articulation agreement.

8. It is the responsibility of the student to be knowledgeable of all degree requirements and the provisions of this agreement.

9. The articulation agreement may be published and provided to Blinn students as a transfer guide during academic advisement. This articulation agreement will be reviewed every two years by the Blinn Division of Mathematics, Business, Engineering, and Technology and the TAMUK College of Engineering and adjusted, if necessary, to ensure the ease of transfer of students from Blinn to TAMUK.

10. Change(s) to this agreement must be agreed upon in writing by both parties.

11. Each party shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations in relation to this agreement.

12. Each provision of this agreement is severable. If any provision is rendered invalid or unenforceable by statute or regulations or declared null and void by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect if the essential terms of this agreement remain valid, legal, and enforceable.

13. This agreement commences on the date indicated below and remains in effect unless terminated as provided in this agreement. The parties will review the agreement every two years.

14. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing written notice to the other party. Such termination will be effective 30 days from the other party’s receipt of the notice.

15. This agreement, including the Course Map, contains the entire understanding of the parties as to its subject matter and supersedes all other written and oral agreements between the parties as to that subject matter.

Executed by the undersigned representatives of the two institutions on March 1, 2016.

Blinn College

Mary Hensley
signature authority for District President/CEO

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