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September 4, 2014

Cynthia Rhodes
Administrative Assistant to the President
Texas A&M University-Commerce
P. O. Box 3011
Commerce, TX 75429-3011

Dear Ms. Rhodes:

Enclosed is one signed original copy of the Articulation Agreement between Navarro College and Texas A&M University-Commerce. We have retained the other signed copy for our files.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you should need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Leslie Smith
Executive Assistant to the District President

Enclosure

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AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
Between
NAVARRO COLLEGE
And
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY–COMMERCE
For
THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

This Agreement is made and entered into upon the date of signature by and between Texas A&M University-Commerce, an entity of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as “A&M-Commerce” and Navarro College, a local government entity, hereinafter referred to as “NC.”

1. Purpose of Agreement:

The purpose of this Agreement is to enable NC students who successfully complete the articulated courses as outlined in this Agreement (see Appendix A) to transfer to A&M-Commerce in a seamless transition without loss of semester credit hours towards the completion of the BS degree with a major in Environmental Sciences.

2. Terms of Agreement:

A. Responsibilities of A&M-Commerce:

A&M-Commerce hereby agrees as follows:

1. To admit and accept in full the coursework as outlined in Appendix A those NC students who are enrolled in the Associate of Science in Environmental Science degree and have been determined by A&M-Commerce to qualify for admission to A&M-Commerce and the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science.
2. To develop and provide materials related to a seamless transition to the Bachelor of Science program, leading to a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Environmental Science, in cooperation between NC and A&M-Commerce.
3. Post on A&M-Commerce website the articulated NC/A&M-Commerce community college 2-year planning guide.

4. To provide and teach A&M-Commerce courses articulated in this Agreement.
5. To provide NC advisors with information and support in helping them with their role of assisting NC students with transfer and degree program advising.
6. To maintain ongoing collaboration and monitoring of the program through the chair of the A&M-Commerce Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences.
7. To arrange and coordinate academic accommodations for qualified disabled students enrolled in A&M-Commerce courses through the A&M-Commerce Office of Disability Services.
8. To bill and collect from students participating in this program applicable A&M-Commerce tuition and fees as set by A&M-Commerce and approved by The A&M System Board of Regents.
9. To advise students that A&M-Commerce's academic requirements, policies, procedures, tuition and fees are subject to change; and that change information can be found on the A&M-Commerce website, bulletins, or other locations.
10. To provide reverse transfer arrangements for any students transferring from NC to A&M-Commerce prior to earning an associate degree.
11. To provide NC students enrolling at A&M-Commerce with scholarship and financial aid information through advising and advising materials.
12. A&M-Commerce cannot guarantee this program in perpetuity, therefore it is important that the parties and students participating in this program understand that this Agreement will not constitute a binding contract regarding the ongoing or future offerings of the academic program outlined herein.
13. A&M-Commerce is an equal opportunity institution, and shall not discriminate unlawfully against any NC student, applicant, or employee, nor shall it deny the

benefits provided its own degree-seeking students to any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status, age or gender.

B. Responsibilities of NC:

NC hereby agrees as follows:

1. To admit and enroll NC students in lower division courses taught by NC as part of this articulated degree program.
2. To provide NC students with A&M-Commerce course listings for this program through bulletin and web postings, advising materials, and other appropriate media.
3. To assist in advising NC/A&M-Commerce students in this program through one or more designated NC academic advisor(s).
4. To assist in advising NC/A&M-Commerce students in this program, the names of the NC academic advisors will be provided to the A&M-Commerce advisors by the semester Census Date.
5. To communicate to NC students completing the Associate of Science in Environmental Science, and enrolling at A&M-Commerce, of A&M-Commerce academic requirements, policies, procedures, tuition and fees and that these are subject to change, that A&M-Commerce cannot guarantee the program in perpetuity, and that future offerings cannot be guaranteed beyond the terms of this Articulation Agreement.
6. NC is an equal opportunity institution, and shall not discriminate unlawfully against any A&M-Commerce student, applicant, or employee, nor shall it deny the benefits provided its own degree-seeking students to any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status, age or gender.

7. To provide a list of prospective students to A&M-Commerce, for communication purposes, every semester by semester Census Date. The list of prospective students will include the following: full name of student, mailing address, telephone number, email address, date of birth, hours completed, grade point average, and program of study.

C. Responsibilities of Both Institutions:

A program review will occur annually to assess the current performance of the program and future modifications will be considered.

D. Course Delivery

1. Each institution agrees to offer courses as outlined in the Articulation Degree plan (see Appendix A). NC will offer up to 75 hours of coursework and A&M-Commerce will offer the remaining 42 hours of coursework for a minimum of 120 total semester hours, including a minimum of 36 upper division hours. Because of possible changes in degree requirements imposed by the state and program modifications and changes that occasionally occur, NC students transferring to A&M-Commerce must follow NC, A&M-Commerce and Texas policies regarding degree program criteria.
2. Admission and enrollment in the A&M-Commerce environmental science program can occur during any semester.

E. Waivers to A&M-Commerce Graduation Requirements

1. Advanced Level Courses: Students will be exempt from the requirement to complete a minimum of 60 semester hours at A&M-Commerce or another senior level institution.

F. Compliance with SACS:

1. It is understood by both parties that all students receiving the degree from A&M-Commerce must comply with SACSCOC Principle 3.5.2 of the *Principles of Accreditation*. This Principle requires that “at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree are earned through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree.”
2. While NC may award an associate degree and A&M-Commerce may award a baccalaureate degree to a student completing all of the requirements, this Agreement does not constitute a joint degree to be awarded for the Bachelor of Science with a major in Environmental Science.

G. Term of Agreement:

This Agreement shall operate on an ongoing basis. It may only be modified by a written agreement signed by legally authorized officials of both institutions. The Agreement will operate as a commitment for each cohort admitted to A&M-Commerce for this degree.

H. Termination:

Upon implementation, this Agreement will continue on an annual basis until one of the party’s petitions the other party to end this Agreement. This Agreement will be reviewed jointly on an annual basis and updated as necessary.

Such petition to end this Agreement: 1) must be submitted one year in advance of the intent to terminate; 2) must be submitted in writing and signed by the college president making the petition; 3) must be delivered to the second party to the Agreement. Delivery of the intent to terminate will constitute formal notification and will serve as grounds for termination one year following the date of delivery.

I. Dispute Resolution:

The dispute resolution process provided in Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, and the related rules adopted by the Texas Attorney General pursuant to Chapter 2260, shall be used by A&M-Commerce and NC to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by either party that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course of business. The parties shall submit written notice of a claim of breach of contract under this Chapter to the representative undersigned party, who shall examine the claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with the other respective party in an effort to resolve the claim.

The designated individual responsible on behalf of Owner for examining any claim or counterclaim and conducting any negotiations related thereto as required under §2260.052 of H.B. 826 of the 76th Texas Legislature shall be:

Mr. Bert A. White, Director
Contract Administration
Texas A&M University-Commerce
P.O. Box 3011
Commerce, TX 75429-3011

J. Governing Law and Venue:

This Agreement shall be governed and interpreted pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas. Pursuant to Section 85.81, Texas Education Code, venue for any suit filed against A&M-Commerce shall be in the county in which the primary office of the Chief Executive Officer of A&M-Commerce is located. At the time of this Agreement, such county is Hunt County, Texas.

K. Amendments, Changes or Modifications:

No amendment, change or modification to this Agreement may be made without formal written agreement of both parties.

L. Contacts:

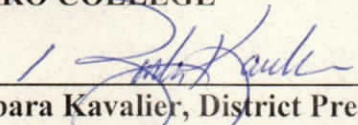
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Dr. Dan Jones, President

The parties hereto certify that they have the authority to execute this Agreement and that the covenants contained herein are within their respective statutory authority to fulfill. The undersigned parties bind themselves to the faithful performance of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement.

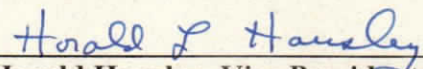
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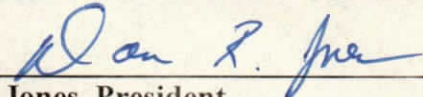


Dr. Harold Housley, Vice President for Academic Affairs

9-4-14

Date

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE



Dr. Dan Jones, President

8-11-14

Date

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE



Dr. Adolfo Benavides, Provost

8/04/14

Date



Appendix A

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science

Component Area	Texas A&M-Commerce Number	Texas Common Course Number
General Education Requirements		
Communications (9 hours)	ENG 1301	ENGL 1301
	ENG 1302	ENGL 1302
	SPC 1315 or 1321	SPCH 1311 or 1315 or 1321
Mathematics (3 hours)	MATH 1314 or 1324 or 179	MATH 1314 or 1414 or 1324
Natural Sciences (8 hours)	US Science	Select two courses (4 hr Lab Science Each) See Career Field Requirements to be completed at Collin College for selection
	US Science	
Humanities (3 hours)	ENG 2326, 202, 2331; HIST 261, 262, 263; JOUR 1307; PHIL 1301, 331, 332, 360, 362; PSCI 410, 411, 412	ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, or 2333 PHIL 1301 or 2306
Visual & Performing Arts (3 hours)	ART 1303, 1301, 301, 304; ENG 432, 434; MUS 1310, 1308; THE 1310	ARTS 1301, 1303, or 1304; MUSI 1306, 1308; DRAM 1310, 2361, or 2362
Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)	ECO 2301	ECON 2301
History (6 hours)	HIST 1301	HIST 1301
	HIST 1302	HIST 1302
Political Science (6 hours)	PSCI 2301, 2302	GOVT 2301, 2302
Fitness and Recreational Activity (2 hours)	No longer required based on new CORE	
Career Field Requirements to be completed at Navarro College		
Career Field (31 hours to be completed from these courses. 8 of these hours can be used to satisfy the Natural Sciences requirement)	ENVR 1401 ⁴ Environmental Science	CHEM 1412 ⁴ General Chemistry II**
	ENVR 1402 ⁴ Environmental Science II	GEOL 1403 ⁴ Physical Geology
	BIOL 1406 ⁴ Biology for Science Majors I	3 hours from: GEOL 1405 ⁴ Environmental Geology BIOL 2406 ⁴ Environmental Biology GEOL 1403 ⁴ Physical Geology GEOL 1405 ⁴ Environmental Geology PHYS 1401 ⁴ General Physics I MATH 2342 Elem Statistical Meth.
	BIOL 1407 ⁴ Biology for Science Majors II	
	CHEM 1411 ⁴ General Chemistry I**	
Requirements to be completed through instruction with Texas A&M University-Commerce		
42 hours must be completed with Texas A&M University	Major Courses	
	ENVS 104 ⁴ Natural Disasters	BSC 307 ⁴ Ecology

Commerce, including a minimum of 36 upper-level courses.	ENVS 301 Risk Assmt & Env. Impact Statements	BSC 417 Geospatial Mapping
	ENVS 302 Phase I Environmental Site Assessment	PLS 309 ⁴ Soil Science
	ENVS 304 ¹ Frontiers in Environmental Science	Chem 1407 ⁴ Survey of Organic and Biochemistry
	ENVS 305 ⁴ Environmental Hydrology	Aec 445 Resource & Environmental Economics Or Aec 219 Agriculture Economics
	ENVS 312 Introduction to Env. Toxicology	*BSC 1413 ⁴ Animal Biology
	ENVS 403 Environmental Ethics & Law	Chem 1412 ⁴ General Chemistry
	ENVS 410 ⁴ Env Monitoring & Waste Management	BSC 301 Biological Literature
<p>Total semester hours required for the degree is 120 hours. Thirty-six hours must be advanced. *BIOL 1406 and 1407 taken in sequence will transfer as BSC 1411 and 1413, which are required support courses.</p>		