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TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
Between
PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
And
WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

This TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT ("**Agreement**") is made as of _December 6, 2019 ("**Effective Date**"), by and between PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ("**PCC**"), a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, located in Tucson, Arizona, and _WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS____ ("**WNMU**"), a _higher education__ agency/corporation, located at 1000 W. College Ave., Silver City, New Mexico 88062_.

RECITALS:

A. PCC is a two-year Arizona community college providing affordable, quality education via Transfer and Associates Degrees in the fields of arts, fine arts, business and science.
B. WNMU is a comprehensive, public institution providing baccalaureate and master's degrees.
C. PCC and WNMU express a shared commitment to increasing opportunities for students to plan for and access higher-education opportunities and complete baccalaureate degrees through comprehensive, institution-to-institution cooperation to facilitate students' seamless transfer from PCC to WNMU.
D. The parties recognize that PCC students interested to earn a baccalaureate degree should be assisted by both institutions in 1) maximizing the value and applicability of their PCC coursework and credits toward further study at WNMU, and 2) avoiding the unnecessary expenditure of time and money for repeating competencies already achieved at PCC.

AGREEMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual promises set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

"Associate Degree" – Means an Associate Degree from PCC in any of the following four categories: Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Business (ABUS), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA), and Associate of Science (AS).

"Arizona General Education Curriculum" ("AGEC") – means a thirty-five (35)-credit general education program, and includes credits in English composition, humanities, fine arts, biological and/or physical laboratory sciences, college-level mathematics, and social behavioral sciences. The AGEC is the general education core of PCC's Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, Associate of Fine Arts, and Associate of Science degrees.

"Block Transfer" – means a transfer degree program for PCC's Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Business (ABUS), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA), and Associate of Science (AS) degrees.

2. TRANSFER and GUARANTEED ADMISSION TO WNMU

2.1 **Guaranteed Admission and Credit Transfer.** WNMU shall guarantee admission of eligible PCC Students to WNMU, and shall accept such transferring PCC Students' articulated transfer credits earned at PCC.

2.2 **Eligibility.** Students eligible for transfer under the terms of this Agreement are PCC graduates:

a. Who earn an Associate Degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale for college-level courses. (However, PCC students will be advised that some specific degree programs at WNMU might require a higher GPA for admission to those programs); and
b. Who have otherwise complied with WNMU's transfer process and met all application deadlines and other requirements for admission, including advising, registration, and payment of tuition and fees.

3. TRANSFER ELEMENTS

3.1 **Block Transfer.** Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Business (ABUS), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA), and Associate of Science (AS) degrees from PCC shall transfer to WNMU through Block Transfer. WNMU shall treat a Block Transfer from PCC as a whole and shall not examine its components separately to determine transferability. All PCC credits from a Block Transfer shall be accepted and applied by WNMU toward the designated/appropriate degree(s), such that PCC graduates will not be required to repeat lower-division major requirements at WNMU.

3.2 **Course Evaluations.** PCC Students who have completed an AAA, AGS, and AAS degree and PCC students who transfer to WNMU without an applicable Associates Degree will have the transferability of their course credits evaluated on a course-by-course basis. In both instances, PCC Students transferring to WNMU may need to take additional, missing coursework to fulfill WNMU's general education requirements, which may be accomplished by taking additional courses either at PCC or WNMU.

3.3 **Prior Learning Assessment Credits**. All Prior Learning Assessment credits, including courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge International Exam (CIE) or other testing programs, already evaluated and applied as part of the degree requirements for an Associate Degree at PCC will be accepted by WNMU with the degree.

3.4 **Acceptance of AGEC Credits.** Credits earned at PCC through completion of the AGEC shall transfer to WNMU and satisfy WNMU's lower-division general education requirements. AGEC transfer credits from PCC may be applied by WNMU either as components of an Associate's Degree or as a stand-alone general education credits.

3.5 **Upper-Division Credits**. WNMU shall evaluate lower-division credits earned at PCC for equivalency to WNMU's required upper-division credits or competencies and those deemed as equivalent may fulfill those requirements at WNMU. WNMU's upper-division credit requirements fulfilled with comparable lower-division credits from PCC are still considered lower-division at WNMU and do not fulfill WNMU's minimum upper-division graduation requirements. While these courses cannot be converted into upper-division credits, they can be considered toward a reduction in upper-division hours required from the university minimum of 42 hours. A list of PCC's and WNMU's equivalent courses will be developed between WNMU and PCC within six (6) months and incorporated by reference herein.

3.6 **Total Number of Credits Transferable from PCC**. The maximum number of PCC credits that can be accepted by WNMU under this Agreement and applied toward a degree at WNMU is 120 hours (the total credits for a baccalaureates degree) minus the minimum upper division hours required (42 hours in 2019). PCC Students will be required to complete a minimum of __thirty____ (30) credit hours, of which 20 must be upper division credits, at WNMU to qualify for a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from WNMU.

3.7 **Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences Requirement.**
The additional WNMU Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences curriculum (three courses or 9 hours) will be *optional* for all Pima transfer students. However, all Pima transfer students must complete at least three (3) credit hours from courses identified as Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences (ALAS) as a graduation requirement. Completion of WNMU Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences courses developed specifically for transfer students will be required and will meet the graduation requirement.

3.8 **Intervening Credits.**
Pima students who accumulate college credits after graduation from Pima and before admission to WNMU become subject to the following transfer policy: transfer students whose combined G.P.A. from all transfer institutions falls below WNMU's acceptable standards (as described in the appropriate WNMU catalog), will enter on probationary status regardless of his/her status at the institution from which the transfer was made.

3.9 **WNMU Service Learning Requirement.** PCC Students who earn an Associate Degree or who have completed an internship course of at least one credit hour may have WNMU's Service Learning course requirements waived. PCC Students who transfer prior to completion of the Associate and who completed a field-based, service experience that did not fall under internship credits may petition to have the Service Learning requirement waived by WNMU.

3.10 **WNMU Writing Intensive Requirement.** PCC Students who complete the AGEC requirements will be given three (3) credits (of the total 9) to meet WNMU's Intensive Writing course requirements.

4. TERM; TERMINATION

4.1 **Term.** The term of this Agreement shall commence as of the Effective Date and shall be in effect until *December 31, 2022* ("**Term**").

4.2 **Termination.** Notwithstanding the Term, either party may terminate this Agreement upon six (6)-month's prior written notice to the other party, provided, however, any PCC Students accepted to WNMU prior to this Agreement's termination or expiration will be allowed to complete their programs of study and graduate from the WNMU as otherwise specified in this Agreement.

5. EVALUATIONS; REVISIONS

5.1 **Ongoing Evaluations.** The parties shall conduct ongoing evaluation of the transfer arrangement under this Agreement and the progress made toward the parties' goals set forth herein. Information obtained from the evaluations will be used to improve the student-transfer process.

5.2 **Revisions.** Either party may request review and changes to the curriculum covered by this Agreement at any time during the Term by written notice to the other party. Any changes resulting from such a review are subject to Section 9.7 ("Amendments").

6. WNMU TUITION REDUCTION; SCHOLARSHIPS

6.1 **Tuition Discounts.** WNMU shall grant PCC transfer students in-state tuition under an Arizona waiver, as available under relevant regulations and the WNMU Office of Admissions on all WNMU courses, including online courses, excluding fees, for courses taken while this Agreement is in effect. PCC students will be responsible for identifying themselves as such in order to receive consideration.

6.2 **Scholarships.** PCC Students transferring to WNMU shall be eligible to apply for all generally available scholarships and grants at WNMU, regardless of each PCC Student's transfer status.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PCC

PCC shall:

7.1 Provide annual curriculum updates to WNMU, including any changes to degree and general-education requirements.

7.2 Designate PCC representative as the primary point of contact for WNMU recruitment staff.

7.3 Include WNMU's transfer landing-page link on the transfer-partnership page of PCC's website.

8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF WNMU

WNMU shall:

8.1 Advise PCC students intending to transfer to WNMU on the efficient completion of their PCC degrees in preparation for transfer to WNMU.

8.2 Provide a link on its website specifically for PCC students clearly stating the requirements for transfer and providing step-by-step information about the PCC-to-WNMU transfer process.

8.3 Provide marketing literature, catalogs, and/or other information to PCC to inform PCC's advisors, counselors, and faculty of WNMU's admission requirements and academic programs.

8.4 Provide PCC with aggregate information regarding PCC transfer-student admission, majors, and graduation data in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws upon PCC's request.

8.5 Promote, at its own expense, student-transfer opportunities between PCC and WNMU during PCC's advising events and faculty/staff development meetings.

9. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

9.1 **Scope of Relationship**. Nothing in this Agreement will be construed as establishing a partnership, joint venture or similar relationship between PCC and WNMU, and nothing in this Agreement will be construed to authorize either party to act as agent for the other.

9.2 **Student Records**. Educational records provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be used solely for the purposes of this Agreement and shall not be disclosed except as provided by law, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g.

9.3 **Contact Persons; Notices.** Any notice to be given under this Agreement must be in writing and sent to the intended party's address indicated below:

To Pima Community College:
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To Western New Mexico University:
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Silver City, NM 88062
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9.4 **Non-Discrimination.** Neither party shall discriminate against any person on any basis prohibited under state or federal law.

9.5 **Governing Law.** This Agreement is governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona without regard to its conflicts of law principles. Jurisdiction and venue for any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall exclusively rest in the Pima County, Arizona.

9.6 **Entire Agreement.** This document, including all Attachments, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

9.7 **Amendments.** This Agreement shall not be modified, amended, or extended except by written amendment signed by both parties. Any such amendment shall be executed prior to the Term expiration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of PCC and WNMU have executed this Agreement as of the last date indicated below.

For **PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

By: Dolores Duran-Cerda

Dr. Dolores Duran-Cerda

Title: Provost

Date: Dec. 6, 2019

For **WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY**:

By: _____

Dr. W. Jack Crocker

Title: Provost

Date: [illegible] 6, 2019

Signatures

For	PCC
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