Joint Resolution of Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees and the Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees

This partnership agreement indicates the commitment of Bowling Green State University and Columbus State Community College to a regional strategy for higher education designed to expand access, increase student attainment, and support student attainment of educational goals. Part of this partnership is a process that facilitates transitions from one institution to another and clearly delineates a pathway to a baccalaureate degree for qualified students transferring from Columbus State.

Whereas the future growth and prosperity of the state of Ohio depend on increasing educational attainment within the state and closing the educational gap between Ohio and competing states and nations; and

Whereas the state of Ohio has set a goal of increasing the number of baccalaureate degrees; and

Whereas Bowling Green State University has a goal of increasing its transfer student population; and

Whereas Columbus State Community College is an open access institution, providing opportunities for diverse learners and committed to assisting all students from all backgrounds who seek to pursue postsecondary education; and

Whereas Bowling Green State University and Columbus State wish to establish mutually beneficial collaborations that address regional workforce needs in a more strategic and sustainable fashion; and

Whereas the partners recognize the resource constraints faced by the state of Ohio and are committed to thoughtful stewardship of funds, seeking to maximize the use of assets already in place and ensuring that future investments increase access without duplicating resources; and

Whereas the partners are committed to advancing the principles of access, quality, affordability, efficiency, and economic leadership:

Therefore

Be it resolved that Bowling Green State University and Columbus State Community College establish a partnership that will guarantee access to a Bowling Green State University baccalaureate degree for qualified students transferring from Columbus State; and

Be it further resolved that this partnership be based on the following principles:
1. **Guaranteed admission.** Columbus State students who have earned an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree will be guaranteed admission to Bowling Green State University, consistent with university policy.

2. **Curricular alignment.** Columbus State faculty will work with Bowling Green State University faculty to build pathways with properly aligned lower-division degree coursework so that the CSCC associate degrees provide appropriate preparation for an expanded number of Bowling Green State University baccalaureate degree programs.

3. **Shared advising.** The partners will collaborate in joint advising opportunities. The partners will collaborate to provide advising to students prior to matriculation, to train advising staff regarding the partnership, and to interface with faculty.

4. **Student services.** When possible, access to Bowling Green State University’s student services will be extended to Columbus State students.

5. **Data sharing.** The partners will engage in active, detailed data sharing. The ability to track success at the level of the individual student will enable both institutions to improve the quality of processes and student learning in a systematic manner and ensure public accountability. Reverse transfer credit will be implemented when possible.

6. **Stewardship.** The partners are committed to using the resources entrusted to them to provide the finest in educational opportunities. The partners will work to ensure the seamless transition of Columbus State students into the Bowling Green State University experience and to then foster the success of those students. This partnership eliminates uncertainties for central Ohio students and families, promotes the higher educational goals of the student and of the state, and boosts Ohio’s economic development and diversification.

Benefits of this Partnership include

This specifically addresses the rights and responsibilities of those students who elect to transfer between Columbus State Community College and Bowling Green State University, as full-time undergraduates under this agreement, that are not otherwise specified in the institutional agreement.

Benefits to students participating in this agreement include (but are not limited to):

a. Consideration for renewable transfer scholarships to Columbus State Community College students who are admitted to Bowling Green State University’s campus as new transfer students, provided that all scholarship qualifications are met, which include: grade point average, full-time enrollment, type of degree to be earned, and financial need as determined by FAFSA. The transfer scholarship renewals are limited to one year.
upon meeting renewal criteria and may be awarded in combination with other scholarships.

b. Participation in a transfer orientation program offered at the beginning of a new transfer student's first semester at Bowling Green State University.

c. Individualized academic advising sessions that begin at CSCC and continue through enrollment transition to BGSU.

d. Opportunity to live in a transfer student residence hall and fully participate in all aspects of student life at BGSU.

e. Other benefits and special services based on student interest and need to be determined at a later date.

Students who participate in this agreement are eligible to apply for admission to any undergraduate major at Bowling Green State University. However, it should be noted that some majors may have more competitive admission than others and that some majors require that students be "pre-majors" before formally being accepted into that major. More information about majors and minors at Bowling Green State University is available on-line at http://www.bgsu.edu/admissions/academics.html.

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