Memorandum of Understanding

Bowling Green State University and Owens Community College

Regarding

Collaboration to Develop Pathways for
Associate’s and Bachelor’s degree completion for
Owens Community College and Bowling Green State University Students

Background

Owens Community College (OCC) and Bowling Green State University (BGSU) have a history of working together to support educational opportunity and degree attainment, particularly for students from northwest Ohio.

BGSU and OCC have an Articulation Agreement to facilitate student transfers between the institutions; have three discipline-specific articulation agreements in discussion, and both institutions have demonstrated a commitment to increasing the number of students who complete degree programs and in turn, enhance the quality of their lives and provide economic benefits to northwest Ohio.

This non-binding Memorandum of Understanding shall set forth the actions OCC and BGSU will take to further develop the collaboration between OCC and BGSU.

The leadership of OCC and BGSU believe that the combined resources of the two institutions can together provide the necessary support to establish additional practices and projects to enhance student success and achieve the specific enrollment goals and academic missions of both BGSU and OCC.

The following sets forth the objectives of the collaboration and the actions each institution shall undertake:

Objectives

The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding are:

1. To promote and expand current partnerships – such as the articulation agreement signed in March 2013 and three discipline-specific program agreements in progress;
2. To support our students’ timely attainment of associate’s and bachelor’s degrees through strategic exchange of contact data of prospective, current, and former students;

3. To define specific pathways for students who transfer from OCC to BGSU and BGSU to OCC;

4. To build on the individual and joint assets of our institutions in the development of the plans and proposal;

5. To identify and take the actions necessary to have the relationship of the institutions develop into an Agreement for the two institutions to have new enrollment options that could provide OCC students the opportunity to obtain residential living experiences at BGSU while taking OCC courses offered on the main campus of BGSU. Such future agreements will address matters that include but are not limited to:

   a. Marketing and recruitment strategies
   b. Sharing of student data, including FERPA-protected information
   c. Curriculum, including distance learning options
   d. Faculty
   e. Advising and transfer of credits
   f. Allocation of revenues
   g. Determination of tuition, costs, fees, and other expenses
   h. Financial aid and scholarships
   i. Academic advising
   j. Residential accommodations for students
   k. Equipment
   l. Opportunities for student support
   m. Institutional reporting and data analysis
   n. Facilities
   o. Communications
   p. Evaluation and assessment of the program

Bowling Green State University and Owens Community College will appoint and charge the appropriate individuals from our respective institutions to develop a plan and proposal for review and approval of a comprehensive Owens Pathway to BGSU program. It is our intent to have the approvals in place to allow for student recruitment, admission, and enrollment beginning with the Fall 2015 semester.

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