JOINT PROGRAM PLAN

Between
The Board of Trustees of
Kellogg Community College
And
The Board of Trustees of
Western Michigan University
12/18/08

STATEMENT OF COOPERATION

The Board of Trustees of Western Michigan University (WMU) and the Board of Trustees of Kellogg Community College (KCC) wish to facilitate the transfer of KCC students to WMU to complete their undergraduate studies with a bachelor's degree in those programs for which a Program to Program Agreement has been executed. To participate in this joint program plan, students must meet the admission requirements of WMU, as well as KCC, and must maintain the academic standards required of all students enrolled at WMU and KCC. The two institutions will work together, as described herein, to facilitate students receiving their associates degree from KCC and their bachelors degree from WMU.

This Joint Program Plan provides students with advising and a transfer guide for the KCC-WMU Joint Program to Program Agreement. A WMU advisor will be available at the WMU / Battle Creek branch campus or at a site to be determined at KCC on a regular basis. KCC students who are admitted to WMU will meet with both a KCC and a WMU advisor to develop a Personal Program Plan (PPP) and to receive other information about this Joint Program.

WMU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a subcommittee of the North Central Association. KCC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

JOINT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

To enter this Joint Program, students must first apply to KCC and receive admission status. Concurrently or in serial the student must then apply to WMU to receive admission status. Students not initially admissible to WMU can apply or reapply at any time while being a KCC student and be admitted to the joint program. In summary, students may enter the Joint Program in one of two ways: 1) apply for admission to WMU concurrent with their application to KCC, or 2) apply for admission to WMU during their first or second year at KCC.

Ideally, students will start taking courses at both institutions during their freshman year. However, depending on when they enroll, students may begin taking courses at WMU
any time during their first two years at KCC. They will continue with a mix of KCC and WMU classes over the next two to three years, but the final two years will be completed at WMU.

All students must take an introductory WMU course the first semester that they are accepted in the Joint Program. That course will be offered on the KCC campus or at the WMU Battle Creek campus.

While the program is designed for four years of study, the total time to graduation may vary depending on the type and number of courses chosen by the student and the need for any prerequisite courses.

The PPP is a key feature of this joint program. Students are required to be jointly admitted to KCC and WMU prior to the development of a PPP. A student entering a Joint Program will be assigned an advisor at both KCC and WMU. The advisors and the student will then develop a PPP. The PPP will identify the courses needed and their sequence so that articulation between the two institutions may be accomplished seamlessly and as efficiently as possible. The PPP will also be used to track the student’s progress for advising, and for the coordination of other services provided.

Students accepted into the Joint Program will enjoy benefits from both institutions such as library access, computer system access, athletic, professional and cultural program access. The intention is that a student in the Joint Program will consider themselves a member of both academic communities.

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

A Program(s) to Program(s) Agreement will be implemented between KCC and WMU for program(s) that are subject to this Joint Program Plan. These Program to Program Agreements will be reviewed annually and modified to accommodate changes in degree requirements, curricula, prerequisites, etc. The agreement will address items such as: transfer of community college courses, advising, communication, review and maintenance of agreement, tuition and financial aid, student conduct, academic standing, application process and administration of the agreement.

DURATION

This Joint Program Plan will become effective upon the execution of signatures by the responsible authority for each institution, and shall remain in effect until such time as either party wishes to terminate it. Notice of termination shall be given in writing at least 90 days prior to the effective date of termination. The agreement shall be honored for two academic years immediately following the notification to terminate so students currently under the agreement may complete their plan of study.
On behalf of Kellogg Community College:

Dr. Edward Haring, President

Date

12-18-08

On behalf of Western Michigan University:

Dr. John M. Dunn, President

Date

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