

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA,  
HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE,  
ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE,  
PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE,  
STATE COLLEGE OF FLORIDA, MANATEE-SARASOTA,  
POLK STATE COLLEGE,  
COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA  
SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE  
AND  
SANTA FE COLLEGE**

**ESTABLISHING FUSE, AN INTER-INSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEED TRANSFER PROCESS**

**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** (the “Agreement”) is entered into effective renewal the 23<sup>rd</sup> date of October, 2020 (the “Effective Renewal Date”) by and between **The University of South Florida Board of Trustees**, herein referred to as **USF**, and **Hillsborough Community College**, herein referred to as **HCC**, and **St. Petersburg College**, herein referred to as **SPC**, **Pasco-Hernando State College Board of Trustees**, and herein referred to as **PHSC**, and **Polk State College**, herein referred to as **POLK** and **College of Central Florida**, herein referred to as **CCF**, and **State College of Florida, Sarasota-Manatee**, herein referred to as **SCF**, and **South Florida State College**, herein referred to as **SFSC**, and **Santa Fe College**, herein referred to as **SF**, (collectively, **HCC, SPC, PHSC, POLK, CCF, SCF, SFSC** and **SF** are referred to herein as **FCS** Institutions).

**WHEREAS**, the demand for higher education completion in Florida and in the Tampa Bay region is continually growing; and

**WHEREAS**, the availability of highly skilled technicians, scientists, professionals, and managers is a critical factor in the economic growth of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the collaboration of higher education institutions can be employed to improve inter-institutional articulation, enhance access to higher education opportunities for students, and create a deep pool of highly skilled and educated technicians, scientists, professionals, and managers to provide a competitive advantage for the regions served by the parties and Florida at large; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Florida Statutes, §1007.23, and the implementing State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.024, each FCS and SUS board of trustees shall adopt policies and procedures to provide articulated programs so that students can successfully progress towards their educational objectives as rapidly as their circumstances permit.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties agree to work together to expand the two-plus-two model as both the most effective and efficient system for producing quality graduates at all levels by implementing the Fuse Program outlined below:

Fuse results in the creation of comprehensive academic “graduation paths,” created by FCS Institutions and USF to map student pathways from matriculation at FCS institutions through completion of

baccalaureate degrees from USF. The grad paths include all necessary pre-requisite coursework, tests, application processes and any other program specific criteria. Students completing these criteria will be admitted to USF and will have met all necessary major requirements to continue in the curriculum of their major.

- I. The parties will continue to create joint admissions programs and processes whereby selected students will be admitted to one of the FCS Institutions with the understanding that they are guaranteed admission to USF upon completion of specific academic criteria established to further the objectives of this Agreement.
  - A. Guaranteed admission to the USF for the Associate of Arts (A.A.) graduates with 2.0 GPAs or with higher GPAs and other criteria that are established for limited access programs and defined in the USF Undergraduate Catalog, and who meet other university admission criteria.
  - B. Guaranteed admission for the Associate of Science (A.S.) graduates to USF into the


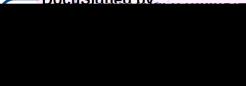






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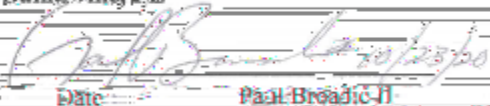
INDICATING THEIR AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT A REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION DESIGNED TO EXPAND ACCESS, MEET THE EXTRAORDINARY DEMANDS FOR GROWTH, AND PROVIDE A BETTER COMPETITIVE AND SKILLED WORKFORCE IN THE REGION.


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