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May 11, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Eduardo J. Padron, President
Miami Dade College

FROM: J. David Armstrong, Jr. *David*

SUBJECT: Authorization to Offer Baccalaureate Degree

On February 20, 2007, the Florida State Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Department of Education Commissioner Jeanine Blomberg, voted unanimously to authorize Miami Dade College to take the steps necessary to offer a **Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing**, to be implemented in accordance with s. 1007.33, F.S., Site-determined baccalaureate degree access.

This approval is contingent upon the conditions detailed in the attached Memorandum of Agreement between Miami Dade College and the Florida Department of Education. The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012, unless extended in writing with the approval of both the Commissioner of Education and the college President.

Funding appropriated by the Legislature will be contingent on the receipt of the signed Memorandum of Agreement and all budget forms as required by the Division of Community Colleges.

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Attachment

c: Dr. Judith Bilsky, Executive Vice Chancellor
Mr. Edward Cisek, Vice Chancellor for Financial Policy

J. DAVID ARMSTRONG, JR.
Chancellor, Division of Community Colleges

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND
MIAMI DADE COLLEGE**

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing*

This memorandum of agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into between the Florida State Board of Education ("FBOE") and Miami Dade College ("Community College") as of the last date set forth in the signature blocks below.

I. Effective Date

The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012, unless extended in writing with the approval of both parties.

II. Background

On February 20, 2007, in a motion accepting the Commissioner of Education's ("Commissioner") recommendation, the FBOE approved the following degree proposal to be implemented in accordance with s. 1007.33, F.S., Site-determined baccalaureate degree access:

Miami Dade College:

- **Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing**

III. Terms and Conditions

The Commissioner, on behalf of the FBOE, hereby authorizes the Community College to receive state funding to offer a *Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing* ("BS Degree") provided all below-mentioned criteria are satisfied. This Agreement is limited to the BS Degree Program ("Program"), cited above. The FBOE must independently approve any other Community College baccalaureate degree.

A. Initial Conditions

Future budget requests to support the Program are contingent upon the following criteria which the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Community College shall certify as having been met:

- The Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as a Level II Institution. The Community College must maintain Level II status in order to offer upper division coursework in the Degree Program.

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- The Department of Education's ("DOE") Articulation Coordinating Committee's "Oversight Committee" has approved common course prerequisites and CIP codes at least one semester before Program implementation. ✓
- The Community College's primary mission and responsibility remains "responding to community needs for postsecondary academic education and career degree education"... by "providing lower level undergraduate instruction and awarding associate degrees." (s. 1004.65, F.S.)
- The Community College will offer the Program in a manner emphasizing service to non-traditional student populations, flexible instruction during non-traditional hours, as appropriate, and meeting the workforce needs of the community.
- The Community College will provide the Program within the local service area of the Community College or at another location approved by the Commissioner.
- The Community College will offer a curriculum schedule designed to assure all students accepted into the Program the opportunity for timely degree completion. ✓
- The Community College will comply with state policies and procedures regarding state funding and student fees, as reflected on the Community College's Annual Enrollment, Performance and Budget Plan ("Plan").
- The Community College will restrict funding appropriated for the Degree to expenditures for upper division courses and shall account for the expenditures in Fund 2. ✓
- The Community College will adhere to all applicable legal and other requirements, including but not limited to the following:
 - Program length, general education requirements, and common course prerequisite requirements for community colleges;
 - Fulfillment of all requirements set forth in Florida Statute and the Florida Administrative Code for the granting of baccalaureate degrees by community colleges; and
 - Regional and specialized accreditation requirements, including maintaining Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Level II status.

B. Conditions of Program Continuation

The Commissioner, on behalf of the FBOE, will monitor implementation of the Program. The following shall be the terms and conditions of Program continuation and all future budgetary requests and allocations from DOE:

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- The Community College shall prepare a written report ("Report") for the Commissioner, covering the period ending June 30, 2008, and June 30 every year thereafter, until the ending date of this Agreement. The Report shall be submitted prior to August 15 of each year. The Report shall include the following:
 - The status of regional and programmatic accreditation for the Program;
 - Performance accountability requirements approved by the Legislature for community colleges consistent with current state university accountability requirements;
 - Current required data reporting and cost accounting information for the Program;
 - A reconciliation and updating of information related to Program demand, deliverables and expectations set forth in the Plan (including without limitation as relates to enrollment, faculty hires, cost, and accountability standards);
 - Any revisions to budget information for the Program; and
 - Remaining issues from prior Reports, as appropriate.
- There shall be no material difference between the Report and anticipated Program conditions as reflected in the Plan or otherwise.
- The Community College shall present additional information to the Commissioner and the FBOE, as requested, at any time during the life of this Agreement.

IV. Compliance

The Commissioner may, based upon a finding of noncompliance with this Agreement, declare the Program to be on probation, and impose such conditions on the Program's continuation as the Commissioner deems appropriate. Alternatively, the Commissioner may declare the Program terminated, subject to approval by the FBOE. In either event, any student enrolled in the Program at that time must be provided the opportunity to complete the baccalaureate degree in a timely manner in accordance with the Baccalaureate Proposal Approval Process for Community Colleges.

V. Other Terms

Extension of this Agreement shall be the exclusive prerogative of the FBOE. Waiver under this Agreement is not possible without written permission of the Commissioner.

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Notice under this Agreement to the Commissioner shall not be effective unless sent to the following person as the Agreement Manager:

Chancellor
Division of Community Colleges
Florida Department of Education
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

VI. Signature Approval:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their officials, thereunto duly authorized:

Florida Department of Education

Miami Dade College

Commissioner of Education

President

Date: _____

Date: _____