UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE AND SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Reverse Transfer Agreement

Background:

South Louisiana Community College (SLCC) and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (UL Lafayette) have developed several collaborative arrangements that promote the success of SLCC students as they transition to the University. This Agreement is an extension of those arrangements and seeks to increase the number of certificate and associate's degree completers.

Agreement:

Reverse Transfer is the process by which SLCC students who transfer to UL Lafayette will have the opportunity to earn a General Studies Certificate and an Associate's Degree in General Studies from SLCC while they are pursuing a Bachelor's Degree at UL Lafayette. SLCC transfer students will be invited to apply for a General Studies Certificate upon earning a total of 30 college credit hours and also invited to apply for an Associate's Degree in General Studies upon earning a total of 60 college credit hours. Included in the invitation will be an explanation of the benefits of completing the programs and permission to release their academic grade transcript to SLCC so that they can determine if program requirements are met.

Purpose and Requirements:

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the implementation of an initiative to assist SLCC students who have transferred to UL Lafayette in completing a credential (certificate or associate's degree) at SLCC. This initiative is an extension of the transfer agreements already in place between SLCC and UL Lafayette and applies to SLCC students that have earned at least 24 credit hours at SLCC prior to transferring to UL Lafayette. The signatories to this Agreement commit to work collaboratively to enable qualified students to earn additional credentials.

Each signatory to this Agreement commits to the following:

- 1) Appoint a single point of contact for coordination of the reverse transfer initiative.
- 2) Receive, in writing, the student's permission to release their grade transcript to SLCC.
- Develop a method to track the success of the reverse transfer initiative and share these results annually.
- 4) Follow parameters of the law and regional accreditation agencies.
- 5) Develop and document the system, processes, communications, and timeline supporting the initiative.
- 6) Explore opportunities to leverage existing technology in an effort to create an effective, efficient, and seamless process for reverse transfer.
- Each institution (SLCC & UL Lafayette) will ensure that reverse transfer is achieved at no cost to the student.

This agreement is will be effective on the date the agreement is signed by Dr. Savoie and remain in effect for five years. This agreement will automatically renew for five year periods unless there is a written request to terminate the agreement submitted to the partner institution at least six months prior to the effective date of termination.

This Agreement will be reviewed for renewal periodically.

Signed:

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Dr. Natalie Harder, Chancellor South Louisiana Community College

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Dr. E Joseph Savoie, President University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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