Memorandum of Understanding between Colorado Mesa University (CMU) and the Colorado Community College System (CCCS)

Re “Community College to Colorado Mesa University of Admission Promise,” a Partnership to Facilitate Transfer of CCCS graduates to Colorado Mesa University

This memorandum of understanding details the actions to be taken by Colorado Mesa University (the University) and the CCCS, on behalf of its member institutions, to assist community college students who desire a four-year degree to transfer from the community college to the university. The Admission Promise Agreement (APA) between the CCCS student and Colorado Mesa University builds upon existing State-wide Transfer Articulation Agreement (STAA) guarantees, and transfer guides. Students who matriculate at a CCCS institution and enroll in the Admission Promise and fulfill its terms, will be admitted, without paying an application fee, to Colorado Mesa University upon completion of their Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree.

Responsibilities of the Colorado Community College System and participating CCCS institutions in the APA

Provide CMU with the names and contact information and college transcripts (updated each semester) of its students who sign the joint admission agreement application.

Provide space at the community colleges for the University advisors to meet with participating students if necessary.

Publicize the availability of the joint admission agreement on Community College institutional websites and to its prospective and entering first year students. Provide students with initial access to this program using its application form.

Support periodic joint meetings, as needed, with CCCS advisors and CMU advisors to ensure that students are informed of the dual requirements of both institutions in course selection. CCCS advisors have the option to connect students to CMU advising staff when questions arise about course requirements in the student’s intended major at the CMU.

Colorado Mesa University Responsibilities in the APA

Invite participating CCCS students to CMU visitation programs. Those students who participate will have free admission into such programs. Breakout sessions, coordinated by CMU Admissions staff, will be available at these visitation programs specifically tailored to CCCS enrolled students participating in the APA.
Provide advising assistance or information to CCCS students enrolled in the APA regarding appropriate course selections. Advising meetings may be conducted through email, phone, internet (i.e. Webinars, Skype), or in person.

CMU will provide CCCS advisors access to updated materials regarding the CMU admissions processes, scholarships, academic updates, and other campus information. These efforts may include communication through email, phone internet (i.e. Webinars, Skype, web postings), or in person.

**Terms and Termination of Agreement**

This MOU is effective as of the last date written on the signature lines below and shall continue in force and effect until otherwise terminated pursuant to the following provision:

*Either party may terminate the MOU at any time by giving the other party prior written notice of not less than 6 months prior to the intended expiration date.*

The terms of this agreements may be amended at any time. Amendments must be in writing and agreed to by both parties.

The parties agree to periodic review of this agreement and its effectiveness, as measured by successful student transfer from the community colleges to CMU.

This MOU supplants and supersedes any previous signed MOU between CMU and the CCCS related to an Admission Promise Agreement.

**Miscellaneous**

The parties agree that before using the name or logo of the other in any advertising or on any website regarding the CCCS/CMU Admission promise, they must receive the other party’s written approval.

Tim Foster, President CMU

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Date

Dr. Nancy J. McCallin, President CCCS

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2-25-16

Date