MEMORANDUM

TO: Edwin R. Massey, Ph.D., President

FROM: Mary G. Locke, Ph.D., Vice President of Instructional Services

DATE: October 15, 2015

SUBJECT: Articulation Agreement with Barry University School of Social Work

Attached for consideration by the Board of Trustees is an Articulation Agreement with Barry University's School of Social Work to facilitate the transition of IRSC Bachelor's in Human Services degree graduates into the Master's in Social Work program offered by Barry University.

This Articulation Agreement will benefit IRSC's B.S. in Human Services graduates in several ways. First, it provides a structured curricular pathway to transition students seamlessly and efficiently into Barry University's MSW program, thus preventing duplicative or excess credits. It allows six credits from our B.S. in Human Services program to also apply toward the MSW degree, saving our students time and money. This Articulation Agreement provides for a 35 percent reduction in Barry University's per-credit graduate-level tuition rates, as well as merit scholarships ranging from $250 to $1,000 based on the GPA the student earned in our B.S. in Human Services program.

Barry University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, and Barry's School of Social Work also holds specialized accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education.

I recommend that you submit this Articulation Agreement for consideration at the October Board of Trustees meeting. Thank you.
Purpose

This agreement establishes a formal partnership between Indian River State College Human Services Department and Barry University School of Social Work which allows students earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services to successfully pursue a 60-credit Master's in Social Work degree at Barry University. This agreement records the understanding between the parties regarding admission criteria, course credit waivers, and merit scholarships designed to simplify and encourage a smooth transition from undergraduate studies to the graduate School of social work at Barry University.

Commencement and Termination of Agreement

This agreement shall be effective February 1, 2016 and continue for an initial term of five (5) years ending February 1, 2021. This agreement may be subsequently renewed upon the mutual written agreement of the parties.

Either party may terminate the agreement by providing the other party with least one calendar year’s written notice. Termination of this agreement shall not affect students already enrolled in or accepted into the MSW Program.

Admissions

Applicants successfully completing the B.S. in Human Service at Indian River State College will be granted preference in acceptance to the Barry University School of Social Work MSW Program.

Acceptance of Credits

Barry University School of Social Work will:

Accept 6 waiver credits from the B.S. in Human Services regardless of concentration (Human Services Generalist, Youth and Family Studies, & Addiction Studies). Waiver credit will be applied to the 60 credit MSW Program prior to the P’ semester of enrollment at Barry University.

Waiver credit will be received for the following courses:

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<td>HUS 3650- Administration in Human Services</td>
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Scholarships and Financial Aid

IRSC students will receive a 35% tuition discount bringing the cost of tuition at our Palm Beach Gardens campus to $612.00 per credit.

Barry University will grant merit-based scholarships ranging between $250.00 and $1000.00 for applicants who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or greater for all human services courses taken at IRSC.

The proposed merit scholarship that ranges from $250.00 - $1,000 is calculated and distributed based on cumulative GPA for all Human Services courses. It would be a one-time award that would be applied in addition to the 35% tuition discount. The breakdown would be as follows:

- 3.0 - 3.09 = $250
- 3.1 - 3.49 = $500
- 3.5 - 3.74 = $750
- 3.75 - 4.0 = $1000

Indian River State College students who have completed the B.S. Human Services degree will be given every consideration for financial assistance and will be eligible to complete for non-need based academic scholarships at Barry University.

Benefits to Students

Barry University offers the following benefits to Indian River State College students who have successfully completed the Human Services Program and applied for admission to the Barry University School of Social Work’s MSW Program:

- Preference in admissions
- Individual Admissions consultation upon request
- Early advising and orientation
- Guaranteed flat tuition rate throughout matriculation
- Community service and research opportunities with faculty and fellow students
- Opportunity to participate in the Statewide NASW Legislative Education and Advocacy
- Day in the state capital
- Opportunity to apply for funds to attend national conferences of specific interest
- Opportunity to present at national conferences

Promotion of Agreement and Monitoring

1. As part of this agreement, Barry University and Indian River State College will: I will Publicize this agreement among students and faculty.
2. Monitor the academic performance of students enrolling under this agreement. Barry University School of Social Work will be responsible for the provision of this data upon request by IRSC. The School of Social Work would provide retention statistics, mean social work GPA, and student
accomplishments. IRSC Human Services Faculty and Academic Advisors would have this opportunity to utilize this data for info national purposes while working with students that are exploring post-baccalaureate options and are looking for social work graduate programs.

3. Notify each other regarding any curricular changes that would affect the future of this Agreement.

If it implements any substantive change(s) to the Bachelor in Human Services program, Indian River State College Department of Human Services will notify Barry University School of Social Work as soon as practicable.

Likewise, if Barry University implements any change(s) to its MSW Program that may affect IRSC students planning to matriculate at Barry University under this agreement, Barry will notify IRSC of such change(s) as soon as practicable.

Original signed document on file in the IRSC Department of Articulation and Partnerships.