

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN**

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
East Lansing, Michigan**

AND

**Saginaw Valley State University
College of Science, Engineering, and Technology
College of Education
College of Business and Management
Saginaw Valley State University
University Center, Michigan**


The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) at Michigan State University (MSU) and the College of Science, Engineering, and Technology (CSET), the College of Education (COE), and the College of Business and Management (CBM) at Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) establish this memorandum of understanding to enhance post-secondary education in the agricultural and natural resources disciplines in Michigan and increase access for students to these educational programs.

1. To enhance agricultural and natural resource post-secondary education in the State of Michigan and increase student access to those programs, both parties agree to encourage the following:
 - a. A mutual commitment to cooperate in the development of certificate programs (college-level), minors, and specializations in agricultural and natural resources and transfer programs from SVSU to CANR MSU.
 - b. A shared commitment to institute financial aid processes to assist students completing MSU and SVSU courses concurrently.
 - c. Development of curriculum and transfer guides and advising to assist students transferring to MSU CANR programs after completing initial two-year programs at SVSU. SVSU students who apply for admission to Michigan State University must follow the transfer student admission statement in the Undergraduate Education section of the MSU Academic Programs catalog, <http://www.reg.msu.edu/AcademicPrograms/default.asp>
 - d. Engagement in an inclusive planning process to enhance post-secondary educational opportunities in the agricultural and natural resources disciplines.
 - e. Identification and recruitment of potential partners and sponsors of agricultural and natural resources programs.

- f. Fund-raising and support for short- and long-term development of post-secondary agricultural and natural resources related programming.
 - g. Fostering connections and partnerships that enhance post-secondary agricultural and natural resources education.
 - h. Exploration of and access to federal, state and local resources needed to enhance short and long term success.
2. Each party shall designate a person or office to serve as liaison for implementing this memorandum. For CANR Michigan State University, the contact will be The Office of Academic and Student Affairs. For SVSU the contact will be The Office of Academic Affairs.
3. This memorandum constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior discussions, agreements, and understandings, whether verbal or in writing, are merged in this memorandum.
4. This memorandum is not considered to be a contract creating legal and financial relationships between the parties. Rather, it is designed to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial exchange process for educational activities.
5. This memorandum shall become effective as of the date of signatures of both parties. The memorandum may be amended by the written consent of the parties.
6. The parties intend to review this memorandum every five years to evaluate the progress and the quality of the mutual cooperation. This memorandum may be amended only by the written consent of the parties.
7. This memorandum may be terminated by either party with a minimum of 120 days written notice. Activities in progress at the time of termination of this memorandum shall be permitted to conclude as planned unless otherwise agreed.
8. Both institutions subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity, non-discrimination and affirmative action. University programs, activities and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, gender, religion, national origin, political persuasion, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, height, weight, veteran status, age or familial status.

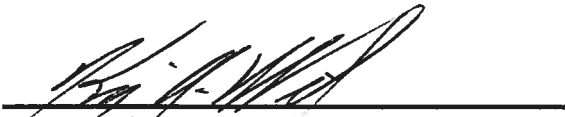
We hereby agree to the spirit of cooperation and collaboration of this memorandum.

Signing for Michigan State University




Douglas D. Buhler
Interim Dean, College of Agriculture and
Natural Resources

Date 4/25/12



Kim A. Wilcox
Provost and Vice President for Academic
Affairs

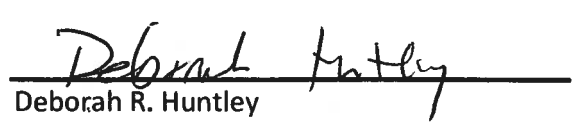
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Linda O. Stanford
Associate Provost for Academic Services


Date 4/25/12

Signing for Saginaw Valley State University



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Dean, College of Science, Engineering and
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Date 4/25/12



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