



Jackson State University  
And  
Hinds Community College  
Academic Partnership Agreement Signing Ceremony

**Monday, March 29, 2010**

**2:30 p.m.**

**College of Science Engineering and Technology Building – Rotunda**

**Jackson State University**

**1400 J. R. Lynch Street**

**Jackson, Mississippi 39217**

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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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## ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) summarizes an Academic Partnership Agreement between Jackson State University (JSU) and Hinds Community College (HCC) to increase access to educational opportunities, educational attainment and degree completion. We establish this Academic Partnership Program to provide higher quality services to our students and for the mutual benefit of our respective institutions. Both JSU and HCC are committed to seamless transfer of students and continued Professional Development and lifelong learning of faculty and staff.

### Purpose and Goals

JSU and HCC will, through The Academic Partnership Program, work cooperatively to serve the educational needs of students, faculty, and staff.

### **The goals of this Partnership are to:**

1. Improve student academic program matriculation from HCC to JSU
2. Improve collegiality and communication among JSU and HCC discipline specific faculty and Administrators to facilitate the transfer process
3. Improve student access, success, and degree attainment
4. To facilitate the development of an educational exchange program between JSU and HCC faculty and staff
5. More effectively use resources of both institutions

### About Jackson State University

The mission of Jackson State University (JSU) is to be a model urban learning community for highly motivated students from diverse backgrounds, where experiential learning is integrated into rigorous and internationally prominent teaching, research, and service learning programs. We are a learning community for highly capable, as well as capable but under-prepared, students who require a nurturing academic environment.

### About Hinds Community College

The mission of Hinds Community College, a public, comprehensive community college, is to offer pertinent and diverse educational programs and services for persons with various interests and abilities by:

- Providing academic (college transfer) programs that parallel the first two years of four-year college studies
- Providing occupational programs to prepare students for employment
- Providing continuing education programs for unemployed, employed, or underemployed adults who need training or retraining, or who can otherwise profit from the programs
- Providing continuing education programs that enhance the quality of life
- Providing short courses, seminars, workshops, and industrial start-up training that will meet educational, business, industrial, and service needs
- Providing high school general education and career services through a cooperative agreement with district high schools

Jackson State University and Hinds Community College hereby enter into the following Partnership Agreement:

#### PROVISIONS OF ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

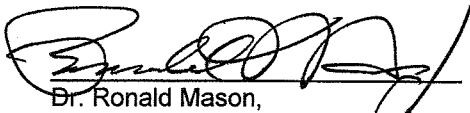
1. JSU and HCC will develop and maintain program specific 2+2 Matriculation Agreements (MA), to include, at a minimum, those courses listed in the *Articulation Agreement between the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior College* but not to exceed 50% of courses in the degree program. The program specific MAs will clearly delineate courses to be taken at HCC and courses to be taken at JSU. The MA guarantees to the HCC student that the prescribed courses may be used toward a specific degree plan at JSU.
2. The 2+2 MAs will be reviewed annually by the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) or designee at each institution to maintain consistency with the State of Mississippi Articulation Agreement and changes in curriculum. Also, courses may be added or deleted (upon approval by CAO of both campuses) when necessary to improve student transfer.
3. HCC will make available a list of graduates and their corresponding degree programs and mailing addresses (postal and email) upon request of JSU in an effort to encourage graduates to further their higher education at JSU.
4. HCC and JSU faculty and staff involved in the 2+2 MA will meet annually at the Academic Partnership Program Summit. These meetings will be directed by the CAOs or designees.
5. HCC will identify and provide space for JSU personnel to facilitate implementation of the APP and recruitment of students who are obtaining the Associates degree.
6. HCC will provide classroom space as available for the teaching of upper division and graduate level courses as well as prep courses for passage on qualifying/professional exams as agreed by both institutions.
7. JSU and HCC mutually agree to waive tuition and fees of faculty and staff of the respective institutions for the purpose of furthering their education towards degree attainment or professional development. HCC employees will be eligible to take upper level (junior and senior) and graduate courses at JSU, while JSU employees will be eligible for credit courses at HCC. Some exceptions will apply for both institutions. Both institutions will determine the number of faculty and staff to be mutually admitted as non fee paying students during the implementation stage of this MOU
8. JSU and HCC will engage in joint marketing efforts to promote the Academic Partnership Program. Efforts will include, but not be limited to:
  - a) Links on respective websites
  - b) Transfer information in college/university publications
  - c) Press conference
  - d) Academic advising materials jointly produced by HCC and JSU
  - e) Coordinated marketing efforts for the Academic Partnership Agreement will be jointly produced and approved by both HCC and JSU
9. JSU will develop a website link especially for transfer students.

**TERMS AND TERMINATION**

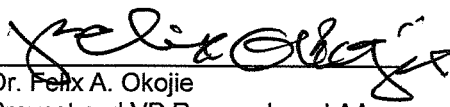
1. This agreement shall be effective on March 29, 2010, and shall continue until terminated by either party giving one year written notice to the other party in order to protect all students transferring between institutions.
2. This agreement shall not create any rights in any third parties, specifically any students participating in the program. The only parties to this agreement are JSU and HCC.
3. Amendments to this agreement must be in writing and approved by the designated representative of each institution.


**IN WITNESS WHERE OF** the parties hereto affixed their signatures to this agreement:

**JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

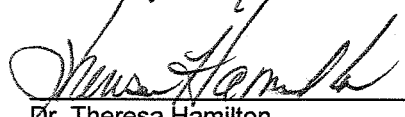
  
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