Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Sisseton-Wahpeton College, Agency Village, South Dakota
And
South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota

1. PARTIES

Sisseton-Wahpeton College (SWC), Agency Village, South Dakota and South Dakota State University (SDSU), Brookings, South Dakota enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

2. PURPOSES

This MOU reaffirms the partnership between SWC and SDSU to work together to enhance the educational experiences and opportunities for SWC and SDSU students, faculty and staff. This MOU establishes a cooperative framework for academic programs, potential research and economic development projects and outreach efforts.

The partners will focus on strengthening the capacities of both institutions to meet the needs of American Indian students and will promote professional attainment among students in selected disciplines/fields.

3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the MOA may include:

b. Develop program articulation for selected majors.
c. Provide transitional programs and support services to facilitate the transfer of students between the institutions.
d. Enrich and expand curricular offerings on campuses.
e. Develop a faculty exchange program.
f. Identify collaborative research, scholarship and creative activity projects.
g. Identify collaborative service-learning projects for SWC and SDSU students, faculty and staff.
h. Foster cultural education and enrichment for faculty and students.
i. Serve as a resource for Higher Learning Commission accreditation.
j. Provide assistance in developing an Associate's Degree in Social and Behavioral Science including:
   a. Developing curriculum that meets disciplinary standards and addresses community and student needs;
   b. Developing an articulation agreement, so that students participating in these classes can easily transfer to SDSU to earn a Bachelor's degree;
   c. Working with SWC administration, faculty and staff, and community members to identify joint service-learning opportunities for our students;
   d. Recruiting PhD students to assist with course delivery, and
e. Developing joint research projects that can involve SWC faculty and students in data collection, analysis, and reporting and thus build your college's capacity to engage in related research.

k. Others as identified through mutual agreement between SWC and SDSU.

Separate documents may be developed for each of the above listed items.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

Both parties agree to:

a. Respect the individuality and the mission of each institution.
b. Respect the recruitment prerogatives and rights of each institution.
c. Publicly acknowledge and support this MOU.

5. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

This MOU takes effect upon signatures of SWC and SDSU and shall remain or be amended upon for 5 years from the date of execution. The MOU may be extended or amended upon written request of either SWC or SDSU. Either SWC or SDSU may terminate this MOA with a 60-day written notice to the other.

6. AUTHORITIES
Initially approved and accepted:

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