MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND & TOWSON UNIVERSITY

February 16, 2021

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION B.S. Degree

College of Southern Maryland, LaPlata, Maryland, and Towson University, agree to follow the articulation of courses outlined in the articulation (course equivalency) document, for completion of requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education (Attachment A), which is attached to, and incorporated by reference into, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The following principles guide the operation of this MOU, with the requirements for transfer in specific curricula set forth in Attachment A.

- 1. Towson University will accept a maximum number of 64 credits from College of Southern Maryland as outlined in the Attachment A. The number of transferable credits specific to this program is reflected in Attachment A.
- 2. Students who have completed the Associate of Arts in Teaching in the Elementary/Generic Special Education, Grades 1-6 program at College of Southern Maryland may transfer into Towson University's Elementary Education program with junior standing provided that the student has completed all courses identified on Attachment A (which is attached to, and incorporated by reference into, this MOU) with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher. Courses completed at College of Southern Maryland with 300 or 400 level Towson University course equivalencies will transfer as lower-level credit but will satisfy course content as indicated.
- 3. Only courses in which a grade of C (2.00) or better is earned will apply toward the major at Towson University.
- 4. In accordance with the MHEC transfer policy pertaining to general education requirements, Towson University will accept the completion of College of Southern Maryland's general education requirements (GenEds) and students will be required to complete courses at Towson University to satisfy the remaining *University Core* requirements as shown in Attachment A.
- 5. Towson University recognizes college-level experiential learning gained through previous work, military and/or volunteer service or life experience. Credit for prior learning may also be established through course challenge or standardized credit by examination.
- 6. College of Southern Maryland students transferring to Towson University will be given every consideration for financial aid and will be eligible to compete for academic scholarships upon entrance to Towson University subject to stated scholarship deadlines.
- 7. Both College of Southern Maryland and Towson University agree to work together to facilitate the transfer of students from College of Southern Maryland to Towson University to work cooperatively to insure the high quality of the programs at the

respective institutions. Transfer of students will be in accordance with policies and procedures of both institutions, as they may be amended from time to time.

- 8. This MOU will be in effect initially for ten years, beginning *Spring 2021*, with a review every two years by both parties. Any revisions the parties deem necessary must be evidenced in writing and signed by the authorized officials of each institution. The MOU may be terminated by either party for due cause and after adequate notice of not less than six months is given to the other party.
- 9. Towson University will establish procedures to provide information on the academic progress of College of Southern Maryland students enrolled as part of this MOU.
- 10. This MOU, when signed, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties respecting the matter hereof.

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND AND TOWSON UNIVERSITY

Rodney Redmond

Dr. Rodney Redmond Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Date Feb 17, 2021

Melanie Perreault

Dr. Melanie Perreault Provost and Executive Vice-President for **Academic and Student Affairs**

_{Date} Feb 17, 2021

CSM & Towson University Elementary Education Articulation Agreement for Signature

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