



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This **Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU")** is entered into on 10/18/2017 (the "**Effective Date**," which shall be the date this MOU becomes fully executed), by and between Indian River State College (hereafter referred to as "IRSC") located in Martin, Saint Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee Counties, Florida and **The Florida International University Board of Trustees**, on behalf of **Florida International University** (hereafter referred to as "FIU"). FIU is a member of the State University System of the State of Florida and is located in Miami, Florida. The Parties agree to explore the possibility of developing the following quality programs to advance the needs of FIU and IRSC.

Both institutions recognize the following commonalities:

1. The compatibility of the direction and interest of their research and teaching; and,
2. The significant roles they each play as leaders in higher education, teaching and research within their respective counties.

Overview and Exploration of Collaboration:

FIU and IRSC aspire to sign a MOU as a way to explore a more intentional collaborative relationship based on the following:

1. FIU and IRSC agree to expand their existing partnership as part of *FIU Connect4Success*, a guided pathway program for students who intend to transfer to FIU after completing the Associate in Arts (AA) degree.
2. FIU and IRSC agree to establish transfer equivalencies for the Associate in Science (AS) in Hospitality Management to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Hospitality Management to ensure that students transition directly to upper-division courses, thereby reducing the impact of excess credit hours. (Excess hours may result from failing or dropping courses, and thereby, outside the careful curricular planning developed as part of this MOU.)
3. FIU agrees to accept 60 transfer credits from graduates of the IRSC Hospitality Management AS degree program.
4. FIU and IRSC agree to explore various avenues of collaboration, including academic advising, to encourage AA, AS, and Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Organization Management or BS in Business Administration graduates from IRSC, to pursue the BS and Master of Science (MS) degrees in Hospitality Management at FIU.

The individuals named below sign this MOU on behalf of their respective Parties and represent and warrant that they have the requisite authority to bind their respective Parties.

Indian River State College

By: _____

Printed Name: Edwin R. Massey Ph.D.

Title: President

Date: _____

The Florida International University Board of Trustees

By: _____

Printed Name: Elizabeth M. Bejar, Ph.D.

Title: Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: Mike Hampton, Ed.D.

Title: Dean

Date: _____

Approved as to the Form and Legal Sufficiency:

By: _____

Printed Name: Isis Carbajal de Garcia

Title: Senior University Counsel

Date: _____

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