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From : The Assistant Secretary,
Governing Body,
Deccan Education Society,
Fergusson College, Pune.

To :
**The Principal,
FCP.**

Fergusson College, Pune-4.

04 MAR 2016

Inward No 8254
Signature: *[Signature]*

Sir,

I have the honour to communicate to you, for your information and action, if and where necessary, the following resolutions (subject to confirmation at the next meeting) passed by the Governing Body of the Deccan Education Society, Pune, in its meeting held on 18.01.2016.

Item from Chair

GBR-39/18.01.2016: Resolved that the Secretary, DES be and is hereby authorized to sign MoU for the period of five years with Penn State Harrisburg an undergraduate college and graduate school of The Pennsylvania State University for collaborative courses to be offered for the students of Fergusson College, Pune with effect from the academic year 2016-17 as per following details.

PROPOSAL

**Articulation Agreement between
The Pennsylvania State University and Fergusson College, Pune**

College with responsibility: The Capital College

Penn State Harrisburg is an undergraduate college and graduate school of The Pennsylvania State University with more than 4,600 students. The campus offers more than 65 associate, bachelors, masters, and doctoral degree programs.

Partner institution: Fergusson College, Pune (India)

The Fergusson College is a campus of 65 acres and nearly 5,500 undergraduate and post graduate students in natural sciences, Computer, Electronics, I.T. at graduate & Post graduate level, humanities and social sciences; it has very well-equipped laboratories, a library having a collection of over 300,000 books, rare as well as modern.

Rationale for proposed agreement:

The proposed *Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Articulation* will assist in building a stronger relationship between Fergusson College and Penn State Harrisburg. The objective is to define application procedures, transfer requirements and course equivalencies. Program-to-program course articulation will be completed for the following baccalaureate degree programs authorized for delivery by the Capital College: Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology, and Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

*Dr. JDA
for record
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Dr. SPK, NMR & SST*

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Smt. Meeta
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Future program review and renewal:

3. Penn State Harrisburg and Fergusson College agree to review the relevant transfer course equivalencies annually and will assign individuals to serve as liaison for the purpose of monitoring the terms of the agreement and the course articulation. Fergusson College liaison will notify the Penn State Harrisburg liaison upon any modification of curriculum that could impact the articulation of equivalent courses or the requirements of Fergusson College programs. Penn State Harrisburg liaison will notify Fergusson College liaison of any modifications of curriculum that could impact articulation of equivalent courses or the requirements of the Penn State Harrisburg baccalaureate programs. All course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as either institutional partner updates the curricula.

The master agreement will be reviewed every five years and will be revised as necessary. For renewal all revisions are to be approved by each institution's official signatories.

Agreement termination:

This master agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination.

In the event that this agreement is terminated, the following exit strategy will apply:

5. The curriculum transfer guides, in effect at the time a student first enrolls at Fergusson College, will be honored by Penn State Harrisburg if the student completes all required courses, as per the transfer agreement, and successfully transfers to Penn State Harrisburg within five years of their first enrollment at Fergusson College, i.e., for students admitted in fall 2016, the agreement will be honored until fall 2021.
6. All other terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of five years.

Advanced standing admissions process:

11. Students intending to transfer from Fergusson College to Penn State Harrisburg must apply for advanced standing admission by submitting the Penn State undergraduate admissions application and certified copies of the marks certificates from Grades X and XII, official transcripts from Fergusson College, and transcripts from any other colleges or universities attended.
12. Students must complete BSc Physics or BSc Electronic Science degree program, be in good standing, free of probation, and have a minimum grade-point average of 2.00 to be eligible for admission to Penn State Harrisburg. Criteria for transfer admission may also include successful completion of specific course requirements.
13. The admissions application fee will be waived and the student will be admitted at the junior level status. In order to receive this fee waiver, the applicant must contact Penn State Harrisburg's Admission Office prior to submission of his/her application.
14. This agreement will not prevent students without a BSc degree from applying for advanced standing admission to Penn State Harrisburg. Students who have maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in 18 or more attempted credits may apply for advanced standing admission. Students who have attempted less than 18 credits will be evaluated as first-year students.



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15. For the purposes of admission, the student's GPA is determined by a calculation that includes all attempted and completed courses at Fergusson College and all colleges/universities previously attended. The Undergraduate Admissions Office will recalculate the GPA using all courses and grades, including all repeated courses.

Transfer and evaluation of academic credits:

11. Specific course transferability and equivalency was determined through the transfer course equivalency tables maintained by Penn State University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Fergusson College courses evaluated as general transfer courses within a discipline were reviewed by the Penn State Harrisburg faculty in the discipline of the course and in some cases were approved by the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, for substitution for specific general education or major degree requirements.
12. Program-to-program transfer guides outlining the specific course equivalencies and substitutions for each academic program are included in the agreement. The guides were developed in consultation with Fergusson College and Penn State Harrisburg disciplinary faculty and were approved by the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Transferability of courses not specified in the attached guides will be referred to University Undergraduate Admissions and subsequently by the Penn State Harrisburg Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
13. The curriculum transfer guides, in effect at the time a student first enrolls at Fergusson College, will be honored by Penn State Harrisburg if the student completes a B.Sc. degree program and successfully transfers to Penn State Harrisburg within five years of her/his first enrollment at Fergusson College, i.e., for students admitted in fall 2016, the agreement will be honored until fall 2021.
14. Courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or other testing programs will be evaluated according to Penn State's established criteria.
15. Credit evaluation for other prior learning activities and credit by portfolio will be assessed according to Penn State policy and through the process established by Penn State Harrisburg.

Academic Advising and Orientation:

7. Penn State Harrisburg and Fergusson College will maintain course equivalency information on their respective websites; in addition, admissions and course articulation information will be made available to Fergusson College students through the transfer advising services at Fergusson College and by Penn State Harrisburg admissions and advising staff.
8. Penn State Harrisburg will offer an academic orientation(s) prior to each semester for Fergusson College's transferring students for the purpose of providing academic advising, and orientation to academic and technology resources, student life and career services, and financial aid and billing information.
9. Admissions and advising staff from both institutions will meet annually to discuss and enhance student transition.

Impact of the agreement on other programs, colleges, and campuses:

This agreement should have no impact on other programs, colleges, and campuses. This agreement does not prevent Fergusson College students from submitting an undergraduate admission application to other Penn State campuses and colleges, students will be advised that the terms of the proposed agreement, including admissions criteria, entry-to-major requirements and course evaluations will apply only to the academic programs named in agreement.


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