GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT

VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
AND
REGENT UNIVERSITY

Regent University (RU) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the transfer of students from the community college to RU, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA). RU provides special opportunities to help VCCS student experience a smooth transition to RU.

In an effort to ease the transfer process, VCCS and RU provide the following GAA.

Definitions

"Transfer-oriented associate degrees" refers to VCCS Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Arts and Sciences degrees and General Studies associated degrees that have been approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as transfer degrees according to the State Committee on Transfer (see website at http://www.schev.edu/Students/SCThome.asp). RU does not recognize the Associate of Applied Science degree as an approved transfer-oriented degree.

"GAA student" refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented degree program at the Virginia community college with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale and who intends to transfer to RU.

Academic Admission Agreement

GAA students are guaranteed admission to RU and may expect the following:

1. RU will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program, not to exceed 63 credits. No distinction will be made by RU regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. Completion of the associate degree through dual enrollment will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement. Credits earned at accredited institutions other than Virginia's community colleges to satisfy the transfer-oriented associate degree will be treated on an equal basis as credits earned from Virginia's community colleges. Advanced standing for courses completed through International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, CLEP, Cambridge and Armed Services experience is an institutional decision and will be evaluated by RU on a case-by-case basis.

2. Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will guarantee completion of the RU general education component of the undergraduate curriculum.

3. RU cannot guarantee that student will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120 credit minimum required for graduation. RU will inform the student at the time

of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.

4.   Acceptance in degree programs at **RU** is competitive.

Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission to RU, students must complete the requirements to become GAA students (graduation from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale) with intent to transfer to RU and submit an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree to the **RU** Central Enrollment Management Office. In addition, GAA students must have earned a grade of "C" or higher in each community college course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree program.

Students who were previously enrolled at **RU and transferred back to a** VCCS college to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree are not eligible for participation in the GAA. VCCS students who do not meet the GAA eligibility requirements listed above are eligible to apply for admission to RU but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement.

Benefits to Virginia Community College Students

1. RU waives its application fee.

2. GAA students may contact the RU Office of Admissions to be directed to RU departmental advisors for advice and information on meeting requirements for various RU majors.

3. GAA students enrolling in RU are eligible to receive a discount on Regent's regular tuition cost in the amount of $500 per semester. Eligible students must maintain full-time enrollment (12 or more credits per semester) in order to receive the maximum discount. A pro-rated amount of $250 per semester will be applicable if students maintain half-time or three-quarter time enrollment (6 to 11 credits per semester). Students enrolled less than half time (1 to 5 credits per semester) will not receive a tuition reduction. The College of Arts & Sciences scholarship and grant webpage contains additional information on this and other Regent-funded tuition discount opportunities.

4 Beginning in Fall 2014, GAA students who enroll in RU's full-semester, traditional program will receive a discount on Regent's regular tuition cost in the amount of $250 per semester. Eligible students must maintain full-time enrollment (12 or more credits per semester) in order to receive the award. Eligible students will not receive an award if they enroll less than full-time. The discount on tuition is available for fall **and** spring semester only and will not be available for optional summer semesters.

5. Beginning in Fall 2014, GAA students who enroll in RU's 8-week, non-traditional program will receive a discount on Regent's regular tuition cost in **the amount of $250** per semester. The discount will be available to eligible students for the fall, spring, and/or summer semesters in which they maintain half-time enrollment. Students who do not enroll at least half-time will not receive this tuition discount.

Responsibilities

GAA students will:
1. Follow all RU application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, enrollment fees, and grade point average requirements.

2. Have declared an intent to transfer to RU under the GAA to the community college GAA contact before applying for graduation from the community college

The community college will:
1. Assist prospective GAA students in declaring intent to transfer to RU under the GAA.

2. Advice students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree.

3. Make available information about RU and the GAA to prospective GAA students enrolled in transfer-oriented associate degree programs.

RU will:
1. Consider GAA students who enroll at RU on the same basis as native students for admission to competitive programs, registration, financial aid, scholarships, student housing, parking and any other opportunities open to native students with junior standing.

2. Provide tracking data on performance of transfer students at RU, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, RU courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from RU, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by Institutional Research staffs from the VCCS and RU and provided by July 1 of each year.

Review of the Agreement

The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. RU will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at RU. Representing RU will be Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. Representing the VCCS **will be** the VCCS Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research and the Director **of Educational Policy, in consultation with the Articulation** Subcommittee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.

Both organizations will be responsible for ensuring that any significant changes in academic and/or admission procedures affecting this agreement are submitted in writing to the partnering organization within thirty days of the change. This guaranteed admission agreement will be reviewed every three years and will remain in effect until modified by mutual agreement between the appointed designees of both organization.

Glenn DuBois, Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

3.15.14

Date

Pat Robertson, President
Regent University

1/14/14

Date