

2015-2016 Joint Program Agreement

Northern Information Technology Consortium (NITC)

The following colleges agree to collaborate on the exchange and delivery of information technology (IT) courses and degrees: Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB), Lake Region State College (LRSC), Turtle Mountain Community College (TMCC), Valley City State University (VCSU), and Williston State College (WSC). The purpose of this collaboration is to facilitate the delivery of IT courses among the five colleges in an effort to maintain IT program viability and increase efficiency of a historically high cost, low enrollment program and to provide students at NITC campuses access to a Bachelor of Science (BS) or Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Computer Information Systems through VCSU. This Joint Program Agreement (agreement) outlines the conditions of this collaboration.

VCSU will develop articulation agreements with each NITC campus outlining the pathway for students to complete an associate degree at their home campus and smoothly transition into a BS or BA degree in Computer Information Systems (CIS) from VCSU. VCSU will also have the opportunity to receive courses delivered by NITC campuses per this agreement.

Structure

The collaborating campuses will be responsible for the exchange and delivery of core and elective IT courses according to the following schedule:

Dakota College at Bottineau

Fall Semester 2015

- CIS 180 – Creating Web Pages I
- CIS 211 – Website Plan and Design
- CIS 232 – Graphics Design
- CIS 201 – Cascading Style Sheets

Spring Semester 2016

- CIS 147 – Principles of Information Security
- CIS 181 – Creating Web Pages II
- CIS 233 – Vector Graphics/Web Animation

Lake Region State College

Fall Semester 2015

- CIS 128 – Microcomputer Hardware I
- CSCI 122 – Beginning Basic/Visual Basic
- CSCI 124 – Beginning C++/Visual C++

Spring Semester 2016

- CIS 129 – Microcomputer Hardware II
- CSCI 172 – Intermediate Basic/Visual Basic

Turtle Mountain Community College

Fall Semester 2015

CIS 104 – Microcomputer Database
CIS 162/212 – Operating Systems – Windows
CIS 215 – Microsoft Windows Server
CIS 217 – Virtualization

Spring Semester 2016

CIS 216 – Implementing MS Windows Network Infra.
CIS 218 – Planning a Network Infrastructure

Williston State College

Fall Semester 2015

CIS 164 – Networking Fundamentals I
CIS 267 – Intermediate Networking I

Spring Semester 2016

CIS 165 – Networking Fundamentals II
CIS 268 – Intermediate Networking II

Valley City State University

Fall Semester 2015

CSCI 160 – Computer Science I

Spring Semester 2016

CSCI 161 – Computer Science II

All courses will be delivered over the Interactive Video Network (IVN), unless otherwise agreed upon. Each partnering college will make IVN classroom space available for receiving the aforementioned courses.

Each college will be responsible for teaching its own section(s) of CSCI 101 – Introduction to Computers.

IVN Scheduling

1. The campus will cooperate in regard to class meeting times and dates to eliminate as many conflicts for students as possible.
2. Collaborative IT classes listed under this agreement and taught over IVN will receive the highest scheduling priority.

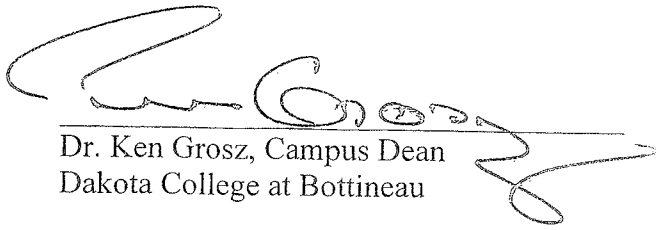
Term

1. This Agreement shall commence as of the date of the signatures below and continue until any party terminates the agreement. Any party may terminate this agreement by written notice to the other parties at least thirty days prior to the start of the next term.

General Provisions

1. This Agreement supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or written, between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and contains all covenants and agreements between the parties. Each party acknowledges that no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements, oral or otherwise, have been made by any party, or by anyone acting on behalf of any party, which is not contained in this agreement; and that no other agreement, statement, or promise shall be valid or binding. Any modification shall be effective only if it is in writing and signed by the party to be charged in the form of an amendment to this Agreement. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of North Dakota.

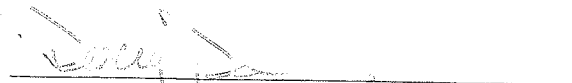
This agreement is entered into as of the date written below and on behalf of DCB, LRSC, TMCC, VCSU, and WSC by the authorized agent thereof.



Dr. Ken Grosz, Campus Dean
Dakota College at Bottineau

6-14-15

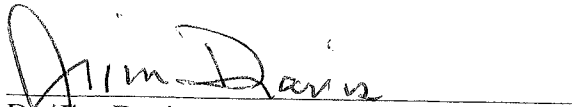
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Dr. Doug Darling, President
Lake Region State College

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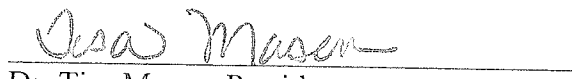
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Dr. Jim Davis, President
Turtle Mountain Community College

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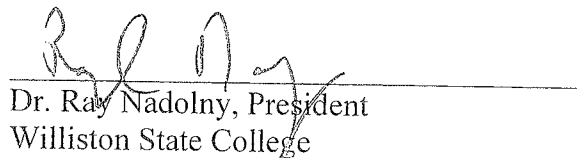
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Dr. Tisa Mason, President
Valley City State University

5/20/15

Date



Dr. Ray Nadolny, President
Williston State College

6/5/15

Date