



Office of Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

November 23, 2020

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

This letter serves as notification to the Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges of a new 3+2 degree dual degree program being undertaken by the College of Engineering and Computing. The University of South Carolina, in partnership with Claflin University, will offer a dual undergraduate degree, effective Summer 2021.

Contact information for both parties to the agreement is listed as follows:

For University of South Carolina
Bob Caslen
President
University of South Carolina – Columbia
206 Osborne Administration Building
Columbia, SC 29208

For Claflin University
Henry Tisdell
President
Claflin University
400 Magnolia Street
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Upon completion of the program, students will earn a Bachelor of Science in Engineering with a major in Chemical Engineering from the University of South Carolina - Columbia (USC), and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Claflin University. Students must meet the degree requirements of each institution and each institution will award a separate degree. The curriculum will be collaboratively supervised between the two institutions. No changes are being made to curriculum, admissions or other policies. This degree has been approved by the USC Board of Trustees and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

The University of South Carolina and Claflin University are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award bachelor's degrees. Further, although University of South Carolina agrees to accept certain course work from Claflin University to be applied toward an award from University of South Carolina, that course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from University of South Carolina. The decision

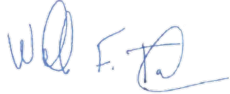
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to accept course work in transfer from any institution is made by the institution considering the acceptance of credits or course work.

We do not anticipate any new costs associated with this dual degree program. The signed Memorandum of Understanding and contact information for the program representative at Claflin University is attached.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. F. Tate IV".

William F. Tate IV
Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost

Enclosure

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C: Sabrina Andrews, Executive Director of Institutional Research and Assessment
Trena Houpp, Interim Director of Academic Programs
Donald Miles, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND) AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the 21 day of August, 2018, by and between the University of South Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the USC, and Clafin University, hereinafter referred to as Clafin. Each is an educational institution and agency of the State of South Carolina.

WITNESSETH:

In consideration of the relationship between the parties and the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Purpose.

1.01: The purpose of this Agreement is to provide for the mutual articulation of courses between Clafin and USC. This agreement describes processes for establishing and maintaining equivalencies between courses offered at the two institutions and for the advising of students. The goal is to maintain viable 3 + 2 pathways where students can spend 3 years at Clafin and 2 years at USC and earn a Bachelor's degree from each institution.

1.02: This agreement covers courses and degree programs for Clafin's Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and USC's Bachelor of Science in Engineering with a major in Chemical Engineering. Additional courses and/or degree programs may be included by amendment to this agreement

2. Terms.

2.01: This Agreement shall be effective as of August 21, 2018, and shall be reviewed annually by representatives of the USC and Clafin prior to the anniversary date hereof.

2.02: This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until such time as either party gives notice of termination in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 4 herein.

3. Duties and Responsibilities.

3.01: USC's College of Engineering and Computing shall accept for transfer certain USC-approved courses taught at Clafin. Likewise, Clafin's School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics shall accept for transfer certain Clafin-approved courses taught at USC. All courses covered by this agreement shall be annually reviewed and approved by

USC's Dean of the College of Engineering and Computing and the Dean of Claflin's School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics or their designees.

3.02: The courses offered at Claflin and covered by this agreement shall be taught by faculty having at least a Master's in the teaching discipline. Other faculty credentials are to be approved by the Dean of the USC's College of Engineering and Computing or their designee. Likewise, the courses offered at USC and covered by this agreement shall be taught by faculty having at least a Master's in the teaching discipline. Other faculty credentials are to be approved by the Dean of Claflin's School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics or their designee.

3.03: Each institution shall designate appropriate members of its staff as Academic Advisors to counsel and assist students desiring to participate. The Deans of each institution, or their designees, shall assist with the advisement process by ensuring that Academic Advisors are informed of curriculum changes and by providing current major maps.

3.04: Claflin students may apply for admission to USC and the College of Engineering and Computing through USC's Office of Admissions. Students must meet transfer admission requirements for USC and the College of Engineering and Computing.

3.05: Enrolled students shall receive transfer credit for the courses covered by this agreement in accordance with each institution's transfer credit policies.

3.06: Upon successful completion of an approved curriculum at Claflin, the students shall be awarded a degree from Claflin. Likewise, upon successful completion of an approved curriculum at USC, the students shall be awarded a degree from USC.

4. Termination.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time upon three (3) months written notice; provided, however, that such termination shall not be effective until the end of the academic term (semester) then in progress at Claflin.

5. Amendments to This Agreement.

The parties hereto agree to the full and complete performance of the mutual covenants contained herein and that this Agreement constitutes the sole, full and complete agreement between the parties, save for the addenda noted in 3.01. No amendments, changes, additions, deletions or modifications to or of this Agreement shall be valid unless reduced to writing, signed by the parties and attached hereto.

6. Governing Law.

This Agreement is entered into in the County of Richland, state of South Carolina, and is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of South Carolina.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the hands and seals of the parties are affixed hereto.

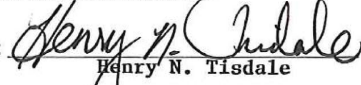
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

By: 
J. Cantey Heath, Jr.

Title: Secretary, Board of Trustees

Date: AUG 03 2018

CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY

By: 
Henry N. Tisdale


Title: President

Date: August 21, 2018

And: 
Joan T.A. Gabel

Title: Provost

Date: _____

And: 
Karl S. Wright, Provost

Date: 8/21/2018

And: 
Hossein Haj Hariri

Title: Dean, College of Engineering and Computing

Date: 8/1/2018