

**Memorandum of Understanding Between
The University of Massachusetts Boston
And
Roxbury Community College
Establishing a Future Beacon Option Referral Program at Roxbury Community College**

The official Future Beacon Option Referral Program will include a referral for first-year students who apply to UMass Boston, but do not initially qualify for admission to UMass Boston. These students will be given the option to enroll at Roxbury Community College and will be provided a defined pathway which, if pursued, would lead to automatic admission at UMass Boston in a future semester. Students who opt into the Future Beacon Option at Roxbury Community College will be granted conditional joint admissions* to University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston).

Advising, Transfer, and Enrollment

Students who opt-in to the Future Beacon Option at Roxbury Community College will complete a FERPA release form that will allow UMass Boston to share their application materials with Roxbury Community College. The FERPA release will also allow Roxbury Community College and UMass Boston to share updates on students' academic progression at Roxbury Community College to ensure seamless transfer and transition.

Joint Admissions

Under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), UMass Boston will guarantee acceptance to students who enroll at Roxbury Community College and meet the following criteria:

- Successful completion of an associate degree with a 2.0 or higher within three years of intended start term at UMass Boston;
- For students where English is not their first language, meet UMass Boston's English Proficiency requirement by earning a B or higher in either ENG 101 or ENG 102 at Roxbury Community College or required score on English proficiency exam;
- Submit a UMass Boston "Joint Admissions Confirmation Form" the semester before transferring to UMass Boston. The "Joint Admissions Confirmation Form" will allow students to indicate their interest in enrolling at UMass Boston and provide any updates since their last application;
- Students must transfer directly from Roxbury Community College to UMass Boston to qualify for guaranteed admissions. Students who attend other colleges after Roxbury Community College must meet general admissions standards.

* Student interested in Nursing, Engineering or Management may apply through the Joint Admissions process, but will not be guaranteed admissions into these academic programs. Nursing students are required to submit one letter of recommendation and an essay. Space in the nursing program is limited and not all applicants can be accommodated. Engineering or Management students are required to meet higher admissions standards and are also not guaranteed admission into these majors. Students not offered admissions into Nursing, Engineering or Management will be given the opportunity to enroll in a second choice non-competitive major.

UMass Boston Responsibilities

- UMass Boston will provide students who do not qualify for admissions the opportunity to have their applications sent over to Roxbury Community College.
- UMass Boston will work with Roxbury Community College to develop a FERPA release form that enables UMass Boston to share a student's application information, and for Roxbury Community College to share information on a student's academic progression at Roxbury Community College.
- UMass Boston will develop a dedicated webpage for the Future Beacon Option Referral Program at Roxbury Community College with content and resources designed specifically for Roxbury Community College students planning to transfer to UMass Boston.
- UMass Boston will designate a transfer counselor to work specifically with Roxbury Community College students and will frequently visit and/or offer virtual events and appointments to assist Roxbury Community College students interested in transferring to UMass Boston. The designated counselor will oversee the implementation and maintenance of the Future Beacon Option at Roxbury Community College and the Joint Admissions process.
- UMass Boston will develop a "Joint Admissions Confirmation Form" for students who enroll at Roxbury Community College through the Future Beacon Option, including a FERPA release allowing UMass Boston to request an official Roxbury Community College transcript on behalf of the student.
- UMass Boston will develop a process where students who transfer after completing 30 credits and before earning an associate's degree will be encouraged to complete the Reverse Transfer process. Students will consent to this sharing on the "Joint Admissions Confirmation Form."

Roxbury Community College Responsibilities

- Roxbury Community College will develop a process where referred students will not need to reapply for admission to Roxbury Community College. Students will receive notification of their acceptance to Roxbury Community College within a timely fashion.
- Roxbury Community College will provide UMass Boston a list of all students who enroll at Roxbury Community College through the Future Beacon Option. Roxbury Community College will share updates on student's progression, and provide a list when students complete 30 and 45 credits, respectively, so UMass Boston can advise students on the transfer process.
- Roxbury Community College will develop a process where students who submit a "Joint Admissions Confirmation Form" to UMass Boston will have their Roxbury Community College transcript submitted on their behalf.

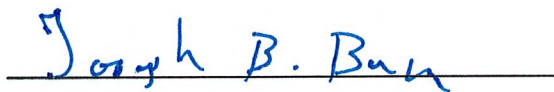
- Roxbury Community College will appoint an individual who will oversee the implementation and maintenance of the Future Beacon Option at Roxbury Community College and the Joint Admissions process.

Review/Revision

- This agreement will be reviewed every three (3) years and may be revised by mutual agreement.
- This agreement is expected to continue in force indefinitely but may be terminated by either party with not less than one year's notice.

University of Massachusetts, Boston Approval

Roxbury Community College Approval



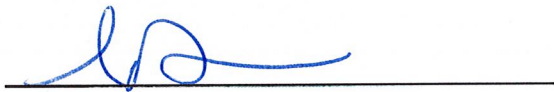
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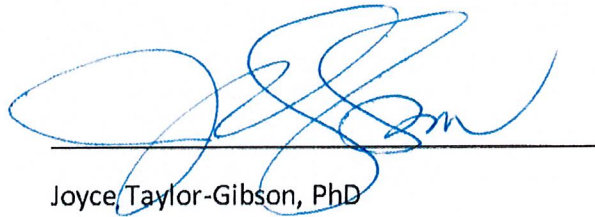
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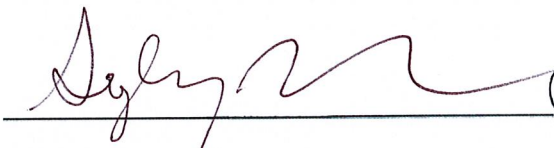
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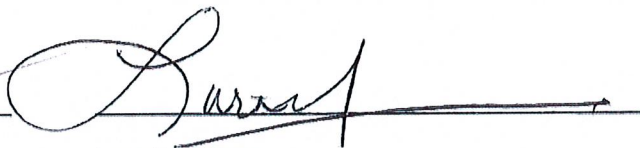
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