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Dr. Gaby N. Hawat Dean, Architecture, Engineering and Technology Valencia Community College West Campus 1800 South Kirkman Road Office: 9-140 Orlando, FL 32811

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Dear Dr. Hawat,

I am pleased to send you the signed agreement between our Schools of Architecture. It is our sincere hope that the academic cooperation between our two institutions will flourish and encourage the expansion of the learning process for all of the students who are involved with our programs. Cooperation is the key element in helping to expand the resources of both our campuses, and I am sure that the benefits we reap from this cooperative agreement will be obvious in the near future, and that those benefits will grow immensely as time passes.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Associate Professor Gundersen with any questions or concerns that you may have. We will be expecting your signed copies of the agreement to conclude the process.

Best Regards,

Martha Kohen

Director and Professor School of Architecture

CC: Martin Gundersen
Associate Professor and Agreement Coordinator

#### ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

#### Between

The District Board of Trustees of Valencia Community College, Florida and

School of Architecture University of Florida

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#### WHEREAS,

This agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") establishes a pre-major in Architecture Transfer degree (hereinafter referred to as the "degree") in which an undergraduate student will attain an Associates in Arts (A.A) degree with a pre-major in Architecture from Valencia Community College (hereinafter referred to as "Valencia") and then transfer to a Bachelor's program at the College of Architecture, University of Florida (hereinafter referred to as UF). After completing the academic requirements of the two participating institutions, the students will have earned an AA Degree with a premajor in Architecture from Valencia and a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture from UF.

### § 1. Degree of Study

- Participating students shall complete at Valencia: §1.1
  - AA degree with a pre-major in Architecture.
  - a minimum of sixty (60) credit hours that include all specific courses in the Appendix with a grade of "C" or better in each course for the course to transfer to UF.
- Participating students will be required to complete at UF a program of study, which equals approximately the number of hours required in the junior and senior years of the degree program being sought.
- The total Program shall satisfy all requirements for the degrees sought at Valencia §1.3 and UF.

## §2. Admission

§2.1 Valencia is an open-admissions institution that assesses the holders of a high school diploma (or equivalent) wishing to enter the de Copy to Or. Edwards/Shugat 2/11/05 on the basis of their academic background and dem courses. Applicants are required to participate in the Val

### §2.2 In order to be admitted to UF a student must:

• Complete the degree of study in §1.1. Submit application materials for evaluation to the School of Architecture at UF; meet the requirements for admission, and be accepted.

### §3. Degree Management and Reporting

§3.1 So as to assure the admission and academic success of participating students, UF and Valencia agree to develop, maintain, and improve continuously a degree management and reporting system.

### §3.2 Each institution will:

- publicize the Agreement and degree among its students and faculty.
- appoint a degree coordinator to coordinate activities, monitor student progress, and evaluate and improve the Program.
- list the degree in the appropriate publications and web-sites of the institution.
- exchange regularly updated copies of their general catalogs and any other publications, which may be helpful in advising students.
- provide timely information about significant changes in the degree of study that relate to the preparation of participating students, and
- provide any other information that may be helpful with monitoring and supporting the academic success of participating degree students.

#### §3.3 Valencia will:

- identify prospective student candidates interested in the degree as early as possible and provide a list of those students to UF at the beginning of each academic year.
- Provide UF admission requirement information to all prospective Valencia- Architecture transfer students.

#### §3.4 UF will:

- As needed, provide a report to Valencia at the end of each year that includes the record of grades of Valencia transfer students that matriculate at UF with the students' permission.
- §3.5 The degree coordinators from each institution will assess the degree annually in collaboration with participating faculty, advisors, and students to continuously improve the degree. A report of the assessment and recommendations for improvement will be provided to the deans at both institutions.

#### §4. Termination/Modification

- §4.1 This Agreement is subject to change or modification by mutual written consent between the parties hereto.
- §4.2 This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party given at least thirty (30) days in advance of such termination date. However, it is understood and agreed that any student participating in the pre-major degree at Valencia or already admitted to UF due to this Agreement will be allowed to complete the degree notwithstanding the termination provision above, so long as the student remains in good academic standing and is making measured progress towards completion of a degree program.

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