

Memorandum of Understanding
between
Grambling State University
and
Nicholls State University

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is written and established by and between Grambling State University, hereinafter referred to as "Grambling," and Nicholls State University hereinafter referred to as "Nicholls." Grambling and Nicholls are hereinafter collectively referred to as "the universities."

Memorandum of Understanding

Whereas the purpose of this MOU is to serve as a general agreement toward establishing stable cooperation between the universities to prepare students to meet workforce development needs as well-educated, responsible, and engaged business professionals;

Whereas Grambling and Nicholls are both institutional members of the University of Louisiana System and are governed by its Board of Supervisors;

Whereas Grambling and Nicholls assume leadership in training students both regional and worldwide for careers in business;

Whereas Grambling and Nicholls both offer well-established degree programs accredited by AACSB – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Grambling at the undergraduate level and Nicholls at both the undergraduate and graduate level;

Whereas Grambling and Nicholls currently hold and have continuously held regional accreditation by SACSCOC;

Whereas it is in the best interest of the universities to ensure that students have the best opportunity to maximize ongoing educational opportunities, and whereby this MOU provides Grambling business school graduates with a seamless pathway to pursuing a Master of Business Administration at Nicholls;

Whereas it is in Nicholls' best interest to attract, expand, and diversify its Master of Business Administration student body representation;

Responsibilities

Grambling and Nicholls hereby commit to working collaboratively in developing and maintaining an ongoing pathway for Grambling business school graduates to pursue a Master of Business Administration at Nicholls.

Implementation

Faculty representatives from Grambling and Nicholls will meet to formalize the methodology for communicating and advancing Nicholls MBA program opportunities for Grambling business school graduates. Part of this methodology might include student information sessions provided by Nicholls faculty representatives and ongoing guidance by Grambling faculty members.

The MBA Director at Nicholls will make himself/herself available, on a priority basis, to answer any questions or concerns posed by interested students from Grambling.

Interested Grambling business school graduates would apply directly to Nicholls for admission into the MBA program and must meet all regular admission requirements as outlined in the university catalog.

Because of Grambling's AACSB accreditation, any Grambling business school graduate that achieves an undergraduate grade point average of 3.3 or above becomes eligible for a GMAT/GRE waiver.

Because of this special relationship, Nicholls will agree to reserve two graduate assistantship positions for Grambling business school graduates who meet the before mentioned GMAT/GRE waiver. These students must be admitted into the MBA program and submit his/her application for the graduate assistantships no later than 30-days before the start of his/her first semester. If no one from Grambling meets that deadline, the graduate assistantship positions may be awarded to other eligible students.

Review of Agreement

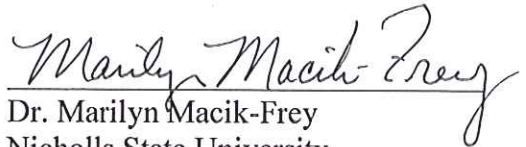
In witness of which, we the undersigned, as respective representatives and chief administrators of the universities note that:

1. this MOU describes the inaugural collaboration between the universities toward training students for the business workforce and as such may be updated and expanded to represent changes and growth both at the universities and the employment market;
2. the signing of this MOU is neither formal nor binding, yet it implies that the universities will strive to accomplish collaborative activities described herein promptly;
3. either university may nullify and void this MOU according to their changing needs.

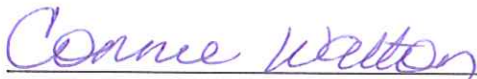
4. no provision in this MOU shall supersede or intend to replace, violate, or negate rules and regulations set forth by the governing bodies of the universities, including the University of Louisiana System and the Louisiana Board of Regents;
5. the effective date of this MOU is _____;
6. both Grambling and Nicholls have caused this MOU to be duly executed as of the date set forth below.



Dr. Donald S. White, Dean
Grambling State University
College of Business Administration



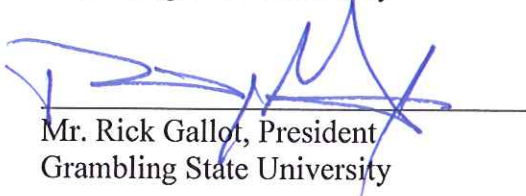
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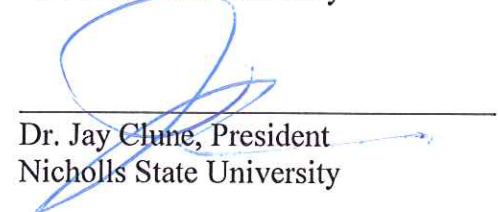
Dr. Connie Walton, Interim Provost
Grambling State University



Dr. Velma "Sue" Westbrook, Provost
Nicholls State University



Mr. Rick Gallot, President
Grambling State University



Dr. Jay Clune, President
Nicholls State University

10-30-19
Date

10/22/19
Date