**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT** 

**BY AND BETWEEN** 

LEE UNIVERSITY

AND

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

# LEE § UNIVERSITY



**THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT** ("Agreement") is entered into on December 1, 2019 by and between The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga ("UTC") and Lee University ("Lee"). The parties desire to enter into a partnership that promotes academic opportunity through this Agreement. The Agreement between UTC and Lee is to be periodically reviewed every three (3) years or by the request of either institution, and revised, if necessary, by the partner institutions.

## 1. General Articulation

### A. Criteria.

Any interested student transferring to UTC – College of Engineering and Computer Science (CECS) from Lee will be admitted to CECS at UTC as long as the student meets the following criteria:

- a minimum of 2.0/4.0 overall GPA
- a minimum of 2.0/4.0 major GPA in math, science, and engineering
- verification of good standing from the chair or dean of the previous program at Lee

## 2. UTC-CECS

#### A. Graduation Requirements.

In order to graduate from one of the UTC-CECS Program, students must complete the following:

- 1. Complete all General Education requirements
- 2. Maintain a minimum of 2.0/4.0 GPA from all major and overall courses and overall
- 3. Earn the last 24 hours of coursework at UTC
- 4. Earn a minimum of 25% of the coursework at UTC

#### 3. General Provisions.

- **A.** <u>Semester meetings</u>: The institutions agree to hold one or more meetings (may be by telephone) each semester to address questions and to facilitate the programs.
- **B.** <u>Review</u>: Any recommendations for revisions will be made in writing and reviewed by each institution's respective Chief Academic Officer or their designees. The requirements of this Agreement may only be amended in the form of an Amendment signed by authorized representatives of the parties and the Tennessee Board of Regents
- **C.** <u>Focus on student success</u>: This Agreement is in keeping with the focus on partnership and collaboration between institutions.
- **D.** <u>Non-Exclusivity</u>: This Agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.

- E. <u>Term</u>: This Agreement will be effective from the date of final signature below, the Effective Date, until terminated in writing by either party with one year prior notice. It is agreed that if terminated, both institutions will honor the terms of the Agreement for students already participating in the program at the time notice of termination is given.
- F. <u>Non-discrimination</u>: The parties agree to comply with applicable federal law, including provisions of Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11,246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the related regulations to each as they relate to employment, governance, and admission within each institution.
- **G.** The parties also agree to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during their employment without regard to their race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection available to employees and applicants for employment.
- H. <u>Point of contact information</u>: For Lee University: Debbie Murray Vice President of Academic Affairs debmurray@leeuniversity.edu Phone: 423-614-8118; x8118

For UTC: Lee Pierce Director of Undergraduate Admissions Lee-Pierce@utc.edu Phone: 423-425-4662

I. <u>Notices</u>: All notices or other written communications relating to termination, expiration, or any other legal matter relating to this Agreement will be effective when received and must be given in writing by courier or reputable overnight delivery service, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to either party at the following address (or to such other address as such party may substitute, by providing a written notice.)

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J. <u>Confidentiality of Records</u>: All educational records created, disclosed, or maintained pursuant to the terms of this Agreement are confidential and shall be created, disclosed, and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Family Educational Right to Privacy Act, also known as FERPA (20 U.S.C.A. s1232g) and its regulations.

The foregoing equivalencies and admission requirements may be updated, as required, upon the formal approval of the Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs of both UTC and Lee University.

In witness whereof, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures:

Steven R. Angle, Ph.D., Chancellor University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Date

Charles "Paul" Conn, Ph.D., President Lee University Date