PURPOSE

To establish a consistent policy for formulating academic agreements (Memoranda of Agreement and Memoranda of Understanding) between the University of New Orleans and one or more other entities.

AUTHORITY

Part Two, Chapter I, Section I of the Bylaws and Rules of the University of Louisiana System.

DEFINITION

Academic agreements include agreements with one or more institutions or agencies (private or public; domestic or international) with a focus on program articulation, enrollment, dual enrollment, academic program delivery, or other critical activities aligned with academic affairs mission. These agreements include two types:

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) – includes agreements containing specific activities each party will provide on a given timeline with stated deliverables. This binding document is used to stipulate a collaborative arrangement between the institutions achieve specific goals and objectives. Included in this category is an agreement with one or more external entities whereby UNO transcript the partner institution coursework as a University of New Orleans course. This type of MOA is identified with a specific title of Academic Cooperative Agreement (ACA).

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – includes agreements that support general collaboration. This non-binding document is used to establish coordinated efforts between UNO and another entity for a common objective or course of action between the institutions.

GENERAL POLICY

The University of New Orleans recognizes that MOAs and MOUs with other entities, including universities, school districts, non-profit organizations, and other programs, are essential to fulfilling the campus mission.
All academic agreements must be developed in accordance with the procedures specified in this policy.

PROCEDURE

All academic agreements shall be developed using the Template for Creating an Academic MOA-MOU to ensure that all required elements are included in the agreement. Only the President shall have the authority to sign and execute MOAs and MOUs.

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