

Memorandum of Understanding between Bridgewater State University and Pine Manor College

May 9, 2020

Pine Manor College and Bridgewater State University, both institutions of higher education accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education, agree to enter into the following Memorandum of Understanding in order to enable undergraduate students currently enrolled at Pine Manor College an opportunity to complete their programs of study and to provide for a smooth and seamless transfer to Bridgewater State University. Both Pine Manor College and Bridgewater State University understand that the terms enumerated herein should serve as guidelines to foster student success.

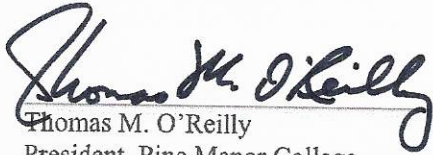
Specifically, Pine Manor College and Bridgewater State University agree to the following:

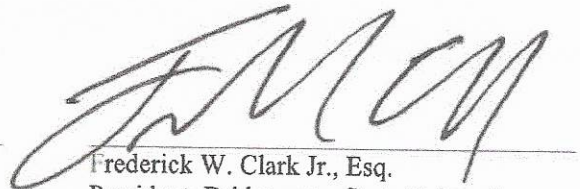
1. Bridgewater State University will offer courses of study toward a baccalaureate degree for which it is already approved. Pine Manor College students will be counseled to help find a program of study to best meet their graduation needs.
2. Bridgewater State University will waive admission application fees for students applying from Pine Manor College.
3. Bridgewater State University will accept only students who are in good conduct and academic standing at Pine Manor College as of (date) and who if having attended Pine Manor College previously, were in good conduct and academic standing when they left Pine Manor College.
4. For any Pine Manor College student transferring to Bridgewater State University during the 2020-21 academic year seeking financial aid, students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Bridgewater State University will endeavor to match transferring students' net cost to attend but this cannot be guaranteed.
5. Pine Manor College students who have fulfilled one of the following conditions will not be required to complete Bridgewater State University's general education requirements and will be considered to have satisfied all general education requirements at Bridgewater State University:
 - a. Students who have completed all core requirements at Pine Manor College and designated as such on the Pine Manor Transcript; or
 - b. Students who have completed the equivalent of the general education requirements of Bridgewater State University as reviewed and certified by the Admission Office at Bridgewater State University.
6. Bridgewater State University will accept all eligible coursework in accordance with its established transfer credit policy. These courses and grades will appear on the student's Bridgewater State University transcript as transfer credit from Pine Manor College. Courses taken at Pine Manor College will not be used to compute a student's Bridgewater State University grade point average. Only courses taken at Bridgewater State University are used to calculate the Bridgewater State University grade point average.

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7. Any Pine Manor College student who fails to apply, be accepted, and matriculate at Bridgewater State University by August 15, 2020 shall be excluded from this MOU.
8. Pine Manor College students who transfer to Bridgewater State University, and subsequently complete all Bridgewater State University degree requirements, will receive a Bridgewater State University diploma. Bridgewater State University shall provide academic support to Pine Manor College students transferring to Bridgewater State University and shall make best efforts to ensure that Pine Manor College students are able to register for the classes they need or authorize appropriate substitute courses.
9. In recognition of the unique circumstances faced by Pine Manor College, BSU shall reduce their residency requirements for degree completion as follows.
 - a. Pine Manor students transferring to BSU will be required to earn no fewer than fifteen (15) credit hours at BSU for degree completion.
 - b. Students requiring fewer than fifteen (15) credits to earn a degree that would have been conferred by Pine Manor College may petition to have the residency requirement further reduced. Petitions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
10. Bridgewater State University will conduct a special orientation for transferring Pine Manor College students to answer questions, provide advising, and course registration.
11. Pine Manor College will announce it has reached an agreement with Bridgewater State University and will provide information to students, staff, and parents about the existence of this MOU and the information contained in the MOU.
12. Pine Manor College and Bridgewater State University will provide direct links between their institutional websites, indicating the existence of this MOU.
13. Pine Manor College and Bridgewater State University will exchange data and documents that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of these transfer arrangements and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions. Pine Manor College will provide Bridgewater State University with admissions, grades, and financial aid data after obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved and in compliance with local, state and federal laws and Department of Education guidelines.
14. Bridgewater State University staff will meet virtually with Pine Manor College students and staff to provide information to students about transferring to Bridgewater State University and work with students and staff on transitioning students to Bridgewater State University.
15. The obligations pursuant to this MOU shall terminate when the first of the following obligations have occurred:
 - a. All Pine Manor College students accepted by Bridgewater State University pursuant to this MOU have either graduated from Bridgewater State University or failed to be continuously enrolled at Bridgewater State University; or
 - b. Four years from the date of this MOU.




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The parties have executed this MOU on the date indicated: May 9, 2020
Date