

## Memorandum of Understanding between Framingham State University and Pine Manor College

May 7, 2020

Pine Manor College and Framingham 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 Framingham State University. Both Pine Manor College and Framingham State University understand that the terms enumerated herein should serve as guidelines to foster student success.

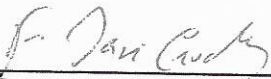
Specifically, Pine Manor College and Framingham State University agree to the following:

1. Framingham State University will offer courses of study toward a baccalaureate degree for which it is already approved, including a Self-Designed Major Program (assuming Framingham State University has sufficient staffing and resources to support the particular major).
2. Framingham State University will waive admission application fees for students applying from Pine Manor College. Students will be provided a simplified application from FSU Admissions Office.
3. Framingham State University will accept only currently enrolled students, or those on leave of absence, who are in good conduct and academic standing at Pine Manor College or newly admitted students to Pine Manor College for Fall 2020. Good conduct and academic standing for current students will be determined as of June 1, 2020 for a Fall 2020 start or as of January 1, 2021 for a Spring 2021 start.
4. Framingham State University will apply its existing financial aid awarding criteria to potential transferees from Pine Manor College, but will consider requests for financial aid exceptions consistent with all state and federal financial aid regulations.
5. Pine Manor College students who have fulfilled one of the following conditions will not be required to complete Framingham State University's general education requirements and will be considered to have satisfied all general education requirements at Framingham State University:
  - a. Students who have completed all core requirements at Pine Manor College as verified by the Registrar of Pine Manor College;
  - or
  - b. Students who have completed the equivalent of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education MassTransfer General Education requirements as reviewed and certified by the Office of the University Registrar at Framingham State University.
6. Any Pine Manor College student who fails to apply, be accepted, and matriculate at Framingham State University by September 1, 2020 for a Fall 2020 start or as of January 15, 2021 for a Spring 2021 start shall be excluded from this MOU.
7. Framingham State University will accept all coursework from Pine Manor College in which a student received a letter grade of D- (0.7) or higher; or received a Grade of P (Pass) in Spring 2020. Those courses and grades will appear on the student's Framingham State University transcript as Pine Manor College transfer coursework displayed with the following grades "TRA", "TRA-", "TRB+", etc. At time of transfer, the student may elect to have all of their Pine Manor College grades included in their Framingham State University overall Grade Point Average (GPA).
8. Pine Manor College students who transfer to Framingham State University and successfully complete the degree requirements of the FSU major program will receive a Framingham State University diploma. Exceptions to the course residency requirements may be made on an individual student basis as needed. Framingham State University will not serve as the transcribing institution for Pine Manor College.
9. Framingham State University shall provide academic support to Pine Manor College students

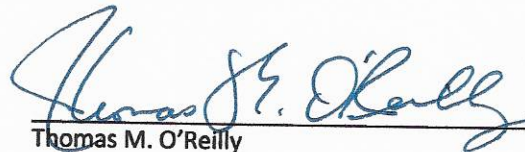
transferring to Framingham State University and shall make best efforts to ensure that Pine Manor College students are able to register for the classes they need or authorize appropriate substitute courses.

10. Framingham State University will conduct a special orientation for transferring Pine Manor College students to answer questions, provide advising, and course registration. This will take place either on the Framingham State University campus, or virtually, depending upon MA DPH guidance with regard to social distancing.
11. Pine Manor College will announce it has reached an agreement with Framingham 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 Framingham State University will provide direct links between their institutional websites, indicating the existence of this MOU.
13. Pine Manor College and Framingham 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 Framingham 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. Framingham State University staff will meet with Pine Manor College students and staff on Pine Manor College's campus, or virtually, depending upon MA DPH guidance with regard to social distancing, to provide information to students about transferring to Framingham State University and work with students and staff on transitioning students to Framingham State University.
15. The obligations pursuant to this MOU shall terminate when all Pine Manor College students accepted by Framingham State University pursuant to this MOU have either graduated from Framingham State University or failed to be continuously enrolled at Framingham State University.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MOU on the date indicated

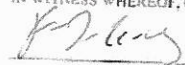
  
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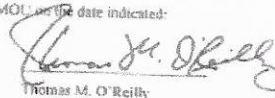
  
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