Memorandum of Understanding
Albright College and the
School of Public Policy Administration, University of Delaware

This memorandum of understanding ("Understanding") of September 24, 2013 ("effective date") is by and between the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware, located at 210 S. College Ave., Newark, DE 19711 and Albright College, located at 13th and Bern Streets, Reading, PA, 19612.

The purpose of this Understanding is to specify the conditions and terms for facilitating a pathway for current and future Albright undergraduate students who desire to pursue a Master’s in the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware. This pathway would include conditional acceptance prior to completion of such student’s undergraduate baccalaureate degree from Albright College.

As part of this Understanding, Albright College students are granted conditional admission into designated/select graduate programs at the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware during their final year of undergraduate studies provided they satisfy all graduate admission requirements specified in this Understanding, remain in good academic and social standing through graduation, receive written recommendation from two full-time members of the Albright College faculty, and do graduate. The conditional admission process may be initiated by the student at any time during his or her matriculation at Albright, in consultation with and recommendation by the Albright faculty.

The following graduate programs at the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware are designated as part of this Agreement:

**Master of Arts (MA) in Urban Affairs and Public Policy:** The 36-credit MA degree combines academic study with real-life engagement in research and public service programs. MA students complete 21 credits of core courses that focus on the nature of the issues facing communities and develop the research and analytic capabilities needed to address those issues. For the remaining 15 credits, each student completes a customized plan of research and analysis, designed with her/his advisor, that draws upon the rich variety resources of the School of Public Policy and Administration.

**Master of Public Administration (MPA):** The 42-45-credit MPA degree prepares students for public management careers linked to government/nonprofit agencies, public advocacy groups or private sector organizations providing critical services directly related to the public good. The curriculum includes core subjects, area of specialization courses, and an internship experience. The MPA is accredited by NASPAA (the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration).

**Master of Arts in Historic Preservation (MAHP):** The 39-credit MAHP prepares professionals for the successful practice of historic preservation in public, private and non-profit venues. Students learn the
theory and practice of historic preservation and develop skills in analysis and documentation of historic resources, practice of preservation planning, contextual research design, and advocacy. The program offers areas of emphasis within historic preservation, including (but not limited to): planning, museum studies, material culture, documentation and analysis, non-profit leadership, vernacular architecture and landscapes, and geographic information systems. The program is administered jointly by the School of Public Policy and Administration and the Center for Historic Architecture and Design.

School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware Admission Requirements

Albright College students are required to meet the following admission requirements for the program listed above in order to be considered for conditional admission to the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware:

- Earned a successful cumulative grade point average (GPA), typically a 3.3 or above, in all undergraduate coursework from regionally accredited institutions.
- Achieved "senior level enrollment status" in his/her undergraduate program as defined by Albright College.
- Students who have earned less than the 3.3 GPA in their undergraduate coursework who wish to be considered for provisional admission may submit the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) official test score report for admission consideration.
- Albright College Students must submit a letter of intent prior to or at the time of submitting an application to the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware. The application fee will be waived for applicants who have submitted a letter of intent. The School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware reserves the right to review each candidate's academic and professional qualifications and to deny, in its sole discretion, admission to any individual whom the School of Public Policy and Administration deems unqualified for its graduate programs.
- If a conditionally admitted Albright student's GPA falls prior to his or her graduation from Albright College or such student fails to complete the bachelor's degree requirements, the School of Public Policy and Administration may withdraw its offer of conditional admission.
- Albright College students are required to submit a final official transcript to at the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware before matriculation. No Albright College student will be permitted to register and matriculate without transcript documentation of degree conferral.

Application Requirements

- Letter of intent
- Completed University of Delaware graduate application form and associated documents specified therein (resume/C.V., personal statement, official transcripts, GRE scores (unless waived), 3 recommendations (at least 2 from full-time Albright faculty), supplemental information form)
Marketing and Promotion

Albright College and the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware agree to promote this Understanding and partnership as follows:

- Both institutions will work together to create digital and print materials that may be distributed to Albright College prospective students, currently enrolled students or Albright alumni. Information will be posted on both institutions' websites. All copy and distribution channels will be agreed upon by the respective designated college officials in advance.
- The two parties will share promotional materials and may share promotional costs in ways agreed upon in advance by both parties.
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- Albright College will permit but is not limited to allowing the following recruitment activities to occur:
  - Web Based virtual open houses
  - On campus recruitment events
  - Promotion of graduate programs in the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware through academic advisors and the Career Services Center.
  - Web Links
  - Email promotion
  - Related academic brochures
- University of Delaware will be invited to participate in Albright College's Graduate/Professional Fair held on the main Reading Campus annually. Albright will waive any participation fees charged for University of Delaware for such event.
- All press releases related to this Understanding will be developed jointly by Albright College and the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware.
- Promotion of this Understanding will be an ongoing collaboration between Albright College and the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware throughout the lifetime of this Understanding.
- Albright College and the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware agree to exchange data on an annual basis that will contribute to the improvement of this Understanding and cooperation between the two institutions. This will consist of aggregate data including recruitment, admission and enrollment statistics concerning students from Albright. Any information pertaining to individual student records participating in the Understanding will be exchanged after the appropriate permission from Albright College students has been received via the letter of intent.

Revision, Renewal and Termination of the Agreement

Albright College and the School of Public Policy Administration at the University of Delaware are responsible for identifying, and communicating to each other, changes in policies, curriculum, or requirements of each institution that may materially affect this Understanding.
This Understanding shall be in effect beginning September 24, 2013 for an initial, one-year term, unless terminated as provided below. The Understanding will be renewed for successive one-year terms, automatically, unless one party chooses to end the relationship by written notice made with at least 30 days notice.

Should this Understanding be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to the students already accepted to or already enrolled in the University of Delaware under the terms of this Understanding.

The willingness of both institutions to agree on this Understanding in order to facilitate admission to the School of Public Policy Administration at the University of Delaware and to expand opportunities for Albright College students is indicated by the following signatures.

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