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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Council on Instructional Affairs (CIA)

FROM: Mike Sfiropoulos, Ph.D., Director of Academic Affairs

**DATE:** February 05, 2021

SUBJECT: Letter of Interest (LOI) from Western Governors University (WGU)

The Division of Florida Colleges (Division) has received a Letter of Interest (LOI) from Western Governors University (WGU) to establish articulation agreements with Florida College System (FCS) institutions.

WGU currently has articulation agreements with six FCS institutions resulting from its 2019 LOI. Institutions that have already signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with WGU will be grandfathered under the 2019 LOI.

FCS institutions that have not yet signed the previous MOU may enter into individual articulation agreements with WGU at their discretion. WGU will work individually with FCS institutions to establish the specifics of the articulation agreement; as a result, the Division is not providing a sample agreement template. Dr. Mary Hendrick, Transfer Engagement Executive, is WGU's contact for the agreement (<u>Mary.Hendrick@wgu.edu</u>).

Per Florida Department of Education policy, the Office of Articulation will post the new and updated LOI on its <u>website</u> for viewing by FCS institutions. A copy of each LOI is also attached.

Please feel free to contact Amanda Walker, Office of Articulation, at <u>Amanda.Walker@fldoe.org</u> or 850-245-9549, and I can be reached at <u>Mike.Sfiropoulos@fldoe.org</u> or 850-245-9523 if you have any questions.

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Attachments

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