

ALLIANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Agricultural Interactive Distance Education Alliance (AG*IDEA)
Under the Auspices of the
Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance
(Great Plains IDEA)

The Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (hereinafter called the Great Plains IDEA) is comprised of academic colleges offering baccalaureate and higher degree programs. Any institution that meets membership eligibility requirements for the Agricultural Interactive Distance Education Alliance (AG*IDEA) is considered an Alliance Member once approved by the Great Plains IDEA Cabinet and will hereinafter be called an Alliance Member.

This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into by Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, acting for and on behalf of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville -- Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, regarding the Great Plains IDEA and AG*IDEA (hereinafter referred to as Great Plains IDEA). It is understood that additional parties may be invited to join this cooperative effort as Alliance Members and shall be entitled to all rights and responsibilities as any member signatory of this Memorandum of Agreement. Program Affiliates shall include academic units that are not members of the Great Plains IDEA but that choose to be active participants in at least one academic initiative of the Great Plains IDEA. A separate Memorandum of Agreement shall be developed for each inter-institutional program and shall be executed by Alliance Members and Program Affiliates participating in the program.

To provide a method of operation by which the Alliance Members can conduct joint efforts, and in consideration of the mutual agreements in this Memorandum of Agreement, the Alliance Members agree as follows:

- I. **Description and Mission.** The Great Plains IDEA is a joint project of the Alliance Members. The Great Plains IDEA shall serve the faculty and administrators of Alliance Members by offering workshops, recommending standards, sharing practices, and disseminating policy issues and recommendations to allow Alliance Members to offer educational programs more easily and thereby give students and professionals more access to high quality education.
- II. **Alliance Governance.** The Great Plains IDEA shall be governed in accordance with the Alliance Bylaws by the Great Plains IDEA Cabinet.
- III. **Funding.** Each Alliance Member shall bear its own costs of any activity, project, or program undertaken by the Great Plains IDEA that is not funded by a contract, grant, or other support.
- IV. **Administration and Management.** Each Alliance Member shall provide administrative oversight and program management in accordance with the Great Plains IDEA Bylaws.
- V. **Responsibilities of Alliance Members.** The Alliance Members shall work together on the development of inter-institutional programs and shall:
 - A. Participate in the leadership of the Great Plains IDEA by attending board meetings, serving as board officers and/or committee members, and providing administrative support for inter-institutional Academic Programs.

- B. Support faculty participation in the planning and implementation of Program Initiatives sponsored by the Great Plains IDEA when such programs are a fit with the mission and goals of this unit.
- C. Appoint a representative to the appropriate Academic Board, maintain course and program information on the Great Plains IDEA course catalog, and support inter-institutional programs with faculty and technological resources as agreed upon in separate program memoranda.
- D. Commit to faculty development and course and program assessments that assure that distance programming promotes active learning, provides quality educational experiences, and is methodologically sound.
- VI. Property.** Supplies, facilities, equipment, or other property received or acquired by members of Great Plains IDEA solely as a result of participation in Great Plains IDEA activities shall remain dedicated for use on Great Plains IDEA activities and may be shared by other partner institutions, to the extent provided for in the terms of any pertinent grants or contracts.
- VII. Intellectual Property.** All discoveries, technology, trademarks, copyrights, patents and other intellectual property arising out of or in connection with an inter-institutional program shall be governed by the Great Plains IDEA institution authoring, creating or conceiving and reducing it to practice and shall be subject to such terms and conditions as may be contained in any agreement that the partnering institution may have with the sponsors, and shall be subject to the institutional intellectual property policies of the authoring, creating or conceiving institution. This Memorandum of Agreement does not transfer or license any participating institution's marks or logos.
- VIII. Termination.** Based on the Great Plains IDEA Bylaws, the Cabinet and the AG*IDEA Board of Directors shall determine involuntary termination of Alliance membership, based on nonpayment, nonparticipation, or other just cause, following notice and reasonable opportunity to cure. An institution may terminate its membership as a Great Plains IDEA Member by providing written notification to the Great Plains IDEA Cabinet and the appropriate Academic Board of Directors. Said notification must be given at least one (1) year in advance of termination of membership.
- IX. Independent Parties.** Notwithstanding any other term or condition of this Memorandum, each participating institution shall be an independent party. No party's personnel shall be deemed to be employees of another party. Furthermore, nothing contained in this Memorandum shall be deemed or construed as creating the relationship of principal and agent, partners, joint venturers, or any similar relationship between or among the parties.

By affixing the appropriate signatures to this document, Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, acting for and on behalf of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville -- Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Science, indicates its desire to be a member of the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance and agrees to participate in the Great Plains IDEA according to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement.

Signed the 16th day of July, 2010.



Signature of Academic Administrator



Signature of University Chancellor



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Agreement to Great Plains IDEA Graduate Deans Agreement

Date: July 16, 2010

Institution: The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

As a member of Great Plains IDEA and the Agricultural Interactive Distance Education Alliance (AG*IDEA), the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, acting for and on behalf of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville does hereby agree to abide by the Great Plains IDEA Graduate Deans Agreement.



Chancellor



Graduate Dean

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Agreement to Great Plains IDEA Common Price and Financial Principles

Date: 7/12/10

Institution: The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

As a member of Great Plains IDEA and the Agricultural Interactive Distance Education Alliance (AG*IDEA), the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, acting for and on behalf of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville does hereby agree to abide by the Great Plains IDEA Common Price and Financial Principles, subject to the approval of tuition and fee levels by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.

D. O. Pederson
Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration