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Subj: NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY AUTHORIZED AS ARGOSY UNIVERSITY TEACH-OUT INSTITUTION

Ref: (a) Higher Learning Commission Notification dated 20190425

Per reference (a), Northern State University is an authorized Argosy University Teach-Out institution. Respectfully request Northern's information be provided to students seeking information for Teach-Out/Transfer options via all communications possible: website, emails, phone inquiries, etc.

Northern State University is a South Dakota Public University located in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and many Professional Accrediting agencies including Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and Network of International Business Schools (NIBS). Additionally, Northern is a member of the National Council-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (NC-SARA) authorizing online delivery in all 49-member states, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands. California statute exempts Northern from state regulations to deliver online program. American Samoa does not regulate institutions offering online programs.

Northern has continuously operated at the same location since 1901, and Northern has HLC approval to offer 100 percent of degree offerings online and South Dakota Board of Regents approval to offer the following Financial Aid eligible online degrees:

AAGS – Associate of Arts General Studies AS – Banking and Financial Services BA – International Business BA – Spanish BGS – Bachelor General Studies BS – Accounting BS – Banking and Financial Services BS – Business Administration BS – Management <u>BS – Marketing</u> <u>BS – Professional Accountancy</u> (leads to CPA License/Certification) ** <u>MS – Banking and Financial Services</u> <u>MME – Master Music Education</u> <u>MSEd – Master of Science in Education – Leadership and Administration</u> <u>MSEd – Master of Science in Education - Teaching and Learning</u>

** In compliance with NC-SARA rules and <u>§668.50(b)(7) Professional Licensure/Certification</u> (PLC) pre-education requirements, Northern has reviewed all 50 states' and American Samoa educational requirements for Certified Public Account licensing. Northern does not meet Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, Illinois, and New York's, pre-education requirements for Professional Licensure/Certification as Certified Public Accountant.

Northern serves similar student populations as Argosy University, with long history of serving students of all ages 16-65 with diverse experiences, backgrounds, and prior education. Including the Argosy University Teach-Out students into Northern student body will not change or disrupt student experience. Northern will provide the necessary courses Argosy University Students need to complete their existing degrees through Teach-Out option, waive residency requirements and applicable application fee.

The Argosy University student online tuition will be the same as other online students' per credit hour rate of \$351.25 undergraduate and \$465.80 graduate. Northern does not charge any fees or out of state differential for online classes.

Please provide NSU contact information to inquiries about Argosy University Teach-Out/Transfer. Northern State University, Office of Online and Continuing Education, 605-626-2568, 844-292-8261, or <u>online@northern.edu</u>.

Sincerely,

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