Colleges of the Fenway
Principles of Collaboration

We believe, that by working together we can enhance the student and faculty environments of our individual institutions while retaining the unique and special qualities of each of our schools.

Moreover, we believe that through the economic benefits of collaboration we can slow down the escalating costs of higher education through the sharing of resources, the ending of costly duplication, and the advantages of joint purchasing.

Through collaboration, our students and faculty will be able to share the best of both worlds: continuing to study, live, and teach in a small college environment while also enjoying the resources of a major academic environment.

Therefore, Emmanuel College, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, Simmons College, Wentworth Institute of Technology, and Wheelock College agree to form the Colleges of the Fenway.

The purposes of this collaboration will include, but not be limited to, the following:

To serve students at the participating institutions by expanding their academic opportunities and choices during an era of fiscal constraint. The collaboration's goal is to expand and enrich the academic offerings available to students at any participating institution through open enrollment at all participating institutions, without additional cost to the student. Secondary benefits include access to expanded or improved student support services or other benefits of administrative collaboration.

To encourage students from our institutions to register and enroll in courses offered at any participating institution, except those certain courses designated as open only to an institution's own students.

To coordinate and support all existing collaborations and agreements among institutions in the Colleges of the Fenway.

To open articulation agreements between any participating institutions and other institutions outside this collaborative project to all students in the Colleges of the Fenway.

To direct the coordinator of the Colleges of the Fenway to evaluate the collaboration on a yearly basis, in consultation with the presidents. He/she will develop key performance indicators for the evaluation.

To agree to future agreements between member institutions participating in the Colleges of the Fenway, and to include an invitation to other participants to join the agreement. New potential members of the Colleges of the Fenway should be approached only after agreement of all five institutions who founded the Colleges of the Fenway.

The Statement of Purpose should be given to members of each college community as part of their orientation packet.

A formal agreement should be signed between the members of the collaboration, indicating the willingness to agree to the existing principles and to abide by any contractual agreements.

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