



Faculty Council of Community Colleges

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE ARTICULATION LANGUAGE IN THE REVISED SUNY PROGRAM REVIEW FORM

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Whereas current SUNY policy requires that proposals for new A.S. and A.A. Degrees include documentation “that program graduates will be able to transfer into at least two registered baccalaureate programs,” and complete them within two additional years of full-time study, and

Whereas a new revised SUNY Program Review Form (effective Feb 2014) used for the approval of new degrees requires “that the program’s graduates be able to transfer into at least two parallel **SUNY** baccalaureate programs,” and complete them within two additional years of full-time study, and

Whereas this change was made by the Provost’s Office without consultation from the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, the Student Mobility Steering Committee or other affected SUNY constituencies, and

Whereas the language of the revised Program Review form implies that a new program without articulations to at least two SUNY institutions may not be approved, and

Whereas the mission of the community colleges of New York is to serve a diverse population and to meet the needs of all of its students, and

Whereas graduates of the community colleges of New York transfer to a variety of SUNY, CUNY, private or out-of-state schools, and

Whereas depending on an individual student’s academic, financial and personal needs, transfer within SUNY may not be the optimum choice for that student, and

Whereas the purpose of transfer path discipline initiative is to develop a set of required transfer courses that will ensure that students who transfer to a parallel program at a SUNY baccalaureate institution will be able to graduate with only four additional semesters of study rendering articulation agreements unnecessary, be it therefore

Resolved that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges does not support the revised language on articulation contained in the Program Review form and calls for an open, transparent dialogue regarding the relevant SUNY policies with all affected SUNY constituencies, and be it further

Resolved that the Faculty Council of Community College respectfully requests that the SUNY Office of the Provost return to the language on articulation of the previous Program Review form that contains the more flexible requirement until such dialogue can take place utilizing the best practices of shared governance.