



## **Faculty Council of Community Colleges**

### **Resolution on 64-Credit Limit for A.A.S. and A.O.S. Degrees ASA3: 2014 - 2015**

Passed Unanimously on October 11, 2014

**WHEREAS** successful student transfer within the State University of New York has been a central theme in the policies and strategic and master plans of the SUNY Board of Trustees since 1972, including Board Resolution 2009-138 on Student Mobility, adopted on November 17, 2009; and

**WHEREAS** the SUNY Board of Trustees Resolution dated December 17, 2013, entitled “Seamless Transfer Requirements” is in support of this goal; and

**WHEREAS** many A.A.S. and A.O.S. degrees, which are also designed as career programs primarily intended to prepare graduates for immediate employment in a specific occupation, have community-based advisory committees which make curriculum recommendations; and

**WHEREAS** some such A.A.S., and A.O.S. programs are accredited by independent third-party accrediting agencies and by virtue of such status qualify graduates for NYS licensure and/or national or state recognized certification or registration with respect to a recognized occupation; and

**WHEREAS** the aforementioned Board resolution would be unnecessarily intrusive and potentially damaging to existing accreditation for some of the already approved A.A.S. and A.O.S. programs, many of which require specific course content in order to satisfy licensure requirements and workforce demands; and

**WHEREAS** the curriculum of A.A.S., and A.O.S. degrees are systematically reviewed in the SUNY program review process; and

**WHEREAS** many A.A.S., and A.O.S. degrees that exceed 64 credits routinely require students to complete significant laboratory and/or studio coursework in their first two years in order to transfer seamlessly, be it therefore

**Resolved** that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges reaffirms its position as stated in FCCC resolutions ASA5 – 2013 – 2014 and ASA1- 2012- 2013 and respectfully recommends that A.A.S. and A.O.S. degrees be excluded from the requirements of the SUNY Seamless Transfer initiative and recommends that credit caps for these career degrees be discussed separately.