



Faculty Council of Community Colleges

Resolution on Clarity on Compelling Justifications in the Waiver Process ASA4: 2014 - 2015

Passed Unanimously on October 11, 2014

WHEREAS the Faculty Council of Community Colleges serves as both promoter and guardian of the basic tenets and principles of shared governance; and

WHEREAS SUNY also embraces these principles; and

WHEREAS communication and transparency are the cornerstones of shared governance; and

Whereas our collegial efforts to implement the provisions of the seamless transfer resolution have resulted in a call for clarity from our faculty; and

Whereas the SUNY system embraces the diverse missions of our campuses and sectors; and

Whereas community college faculty are best equipped to identify and teach courses which fulfill the diverse community college mission; and

Whereas the waiver requests are sometimes denied without clearly communicated written rationale; be it therefore

Resolved that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges respectfully recommends that review and decisions on campus waiver requests be clearly communicated in writing in a timely manner and that waiver denials contain clearly delineated written rationale to help guide faculty, and be it further

Resolved that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges recommends that program requirements such as, but not limited to, those courses that are connected to mission, local graduation requirements, student success, internship/applied learning, and requirements from external accrediting bodies be considered compelling reasons for waiver approval, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges reaffirms its call to the Office of the Provost, as stated in the ASA1: 2012 - 2013, to work with the Faculty Council in developing and articulating clear criteria for issuing waivers for seamless transfer requirements.