



Faculty Council of Community Colleges

**Resolution in Support of an Extension of the waiver deadline for
A.A.S. and A.O.S. degrees**

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Passed unanimously on April 5, 2014

Whereas the language referring to credit caps on associate degrees is within the SUNY Board of Trustees resolution entitled Seamless Transfer Requirements; and

Whereas A.A.S. and A.O.S. degrees are designed as career, not transfer, degrees and many require outside accreditation; and

Whereas the Faculty Council of Community Colleges (FCCC) has passed Resolution ASA1: 2012-2013 asking that A.A.S. and A.O.S. degrees be excluded in the Seamless Transfer Initiative; and

Whereas the Academic Affairs Committee of the SUNY Board of Trustees will be discussing the implications of the Seamless Transfer resolution on A.A.S. and A.O.S. degrees at its May 2014 meeting; and

Whereas the Memorandum To Presidents states that the waiver deadline is May 1, 2014, which is before the SUNY Board of Trustees will have an opportunity to discuss the implications for A.A.S. and A.O.S. degrees; and

Whereas the act of applying for such a waiver on curricular matters is comprehensive, complicated and requires a deliberative shared governance process on a campus; and

Whereas such a process requires in-depth conversation and collaboration among faculty, administration, community leaders, and students; therefore be it

Resolved that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges continues to oppose the inclusion of the A.A.S. and A.O.S. degrees in the SUNY Seamless Transfer Initiative discussions, and recommends that credit caps for these career degrees be discussed separately, and be it further

Resolved that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges recommends that the waiver application deadline for A.A.S. and A.O.S. programs be extended to December 1, 2014.