

Trustees' Resolution 90-196: Transfer and Articulation Policy

Whereas this Board by Resolution 72-302 adopted November 29, 1972, established a transfer policy guaranteeing graduates with Associate in Arts (A.A.) and Associate in Science (A.S.) degrees from two-year State-operated and community colleges within State University of New York (SUNY) an opportunity to continue their education on a full-time basis at State University baccalaureate campuses and by Resolutions 80-53 and 87-114 adopted March 26, 1980 and June 24, 1987 respectively further extended this policy to provide, among other things, that such students be accorded full junior status and credit transfer for general education courses; and .

Whereas the University's transfer policy has served well SUNY's goal and mission of providing full access to the State's citizens to higher education and in order to renew and strengthen the University's commitment to the goals underlying this policy, it is desirable to reaffirm and extend the policy by making further provisions regarding its implementation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the principles constituting the transfer policy of State University of New York as outlined in Resolutions 72-302, 80- 53, and 87-144 be, and hereby are, reaffirmed as follows:

1. New York State residents who are graduates of a State University two-year college, including the community colleges operating within the program of the University, and who possess an A.A. or A.S. degree, shall be guaranteed an opportunity to continue his or her education on a full-time basis at a baccalaureate campus of the University; and
2. Graduates of two-year colleges within SUNY with an A.A. or A.S. degree, when accepted in parallel programs at baccalaureate campuses of the University, shall be accorded full junior status and be given the opportunity to complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree within four additional semesters of full-time work; and
3. Graduates of two-year colleges within SUNY, when accepted with junior status within parallel programs at baccalaureate campuses of the University, shall be granted full credit for general education courses taken and not be required to repeat successfully-completed courses with similar curricular content; and
4. Only those admissions requirements to institutions or to particular programs applicable to continuing and returning students shall be applied to SUNY A.A. and A.S. transfer students; and

5. These transfer students shall be accorded, as far as possible, opportunities in areas such as housing, advisement and registration comparable try those of returning and continuing students; and be it further

Resolved that, beginning with the fall of 1991, the following additional principles shall pertain in the implementation of the SUNY's transfer policy:

1. New York State residents who are graduates of a City University two-year college and who possess art A.A. or A.S. degree shall be guaranteed the same opportunity to continue his or her education on a full-time basis at a baccalaureate campus of the University as is accorded graduates from SUNY two-year colleges;
2. Baccalaureate campuses of SUNY in their enrollment planning shall give priority to A.A. and A.S. graduates of State University and City University of New York over other transfers;
3. Academic decisions an admissions for such transfer students shall be based solely on their previous collegiate records;
4. Baccalaureate campuses in making these admissions' decisions shall pay particular attention to applications from A.A. or A.S, transfer students from their region who cannot relocate to another part of the State;
5. Baccalaureate campuses and two-year colleges of SUNY in close geographical proximity shall expand joint articulation agreements and, where appropriate, establish joint admission agreements; and, be it further

Resolved that these policy extensions to address place-bound transfer students do not diminish the expectation that SUNY baccalaureate campuses shall continue to provide access for A.A. and A.S. graduates from two-year colleges throughout the State, and be it further

Resolved that the Board reaffirms its intention that SUNY shall continue to provide access to first-time students at both its baccalaureate campuses and its two-year colleges; and be it further

Resolved that the document entitled "Guidelines for the State University of New York Transfer Policy" dated June 27, 1990 (copy on file in the Office of the Secretary of the University) be, and hereby is, approved and the Chancellor, or designee, be, and hereby is, authorized to amend and supplement said guidelines from time to time, in such manner as shall be determined to be appropriate.