



State University of New York

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## Memorandum to Presidents

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From: Office of the Chancellor

Subject: Transfer Policy

The State University Board of Trustees adopted the attached resolution at its regular meeting on March 26, 1980. It is intended to reaffirm and strengthen its Transfer Policy statement of November 29, 1972.

As part of that resolution, the Trustees have authorized me to take steps necessary to assure the establishment of appropriate administrative and academic procedures to ensure implementation of the policy at each campus.

Each campus will submit a statement of the administrative and academic procedures which are in effect or will be instituted to ensure the implementation of this resolution annually by September 1. These will be filed with the Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs, Policy and Planning. The attached guidelines have been developed by the Council of Presidents to provide direction in the interim while campuses are preparing their individual procedures.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clifton R. Wharton, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Clifton R. Wharton, Jr.  
Chancellor

### Attachments

This memorandum addressed to:  
Presidents, State-operated Campuses  
Presidents, Community Colleges  
Deans, Statutory Colleges

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M E M O R A N D U M

March 26, 1980

To: The Board of Trustees  
From: Clifton R. Wharton, Jr. *CPW*  
Subject: Transfer Policy

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Whereas by Resolution 72-302, adopted on November 29, 1972, the Board established a transfer policy which guaranteed graduates of two-year colleges within the University an opportunity to continue their education on a full-time basis at State University senior campuses; and

Whereas it is desirable to reaffirm and strengthen that policy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that beginning with the fall semester of 1982, graduates of two-year colleges within State University of New York, when accepted in parallel programs at baccalaureate campuses of the University, will be accorded full junior standing and be given the opportunity to complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree within four additional semesters of full-time work; and, be it further

Resolved that the Chancellor, or his designee, be and hereby is, authorized to take steps necessary to assure that the campuses establish appropriate administrative and academic procedures to ensure implementation of the policy.

Background

On November 29, 1972, the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York adopted the following Transfer Policy statement:

"Resolved that a New York State resident who is a graduate of a State University of New York two-year college, including the community colleges operating within the program of the University, and who possesses an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree, shall be guaranteed an opportunity to continue his education on a full-time basis at a senior campus of the University by the fall of 1974; Chancellor authorized to develop and promulgate procedures for the implementation of this policy; and, be it further

Resolved that this guarantee will be extended to every such graduate who possesses an Associate in Applied Science degree as rapidly as appropriate existing programs are expanded and new programs developed."

I know the Trustees recognize that strong articulation ties exist among several State University units. However, I am also aware of your concern that many problems still are unresolved and that the rate of progress has been slow. To ensure full implementation of the 1972 policy I believe that it needed to be reaffirmed and strengthened, and restated to assure that all units of the University work together in a concerted fashion to strengthen appropriate channels of articulation. This restatement of the transfer policy, together with an implementation date and provision for the establishment of appropriate administrative and academic procedures, is in the foregoing resolution.

April 7, 1980

**INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE SUNY TRANSFER POLICY**

1. Campuses will establish their own appropriate administrative and academic procedures to ensure the implementation of this policy.
2. The Office of Academic Programs, Policy and Planning will serve in an advisory capacity to Presidents seeking information concerning procedures at other campuses or existing articulation agreements. These agreements should be on file in the central office.
3. Campuses should make transfer possibilities known to all their students and prospective students through appropriate publications.
4. A student who is dissatisfied with a transfer credit evaluation should appeal to his/her original campus.
5. Arrangements for articulation of programs, or determinations on individual transfer students, will be worked out between the two Colleges involved.
6. A President who is dissatisfied with the transfer arrangements with another College should first attempt to resolve this with the President of that College.
7. A President who cannot achieve a satisfactory solution to an articulation problem by means of the above steps may appeal to the Council of Presidents or a body designated by the Council to review such problems. If such a body is designated, it will report periodically to the Council of Presidents.