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Memorandum to Presidents

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From: Office of the Vice Chancellor for
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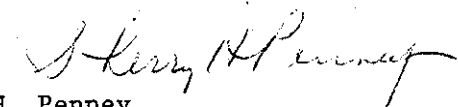
To: Presidents, State University of New York

The State University Board of Trustees on June 24, 1987, adopted a policy which represents another step to ensure that SUNY students who begin their study at the two-year campuses and then transfer for upper-division work at one of our senior campuses are offered an integrated educational experience.

University policy, as outlined in Resolution 87-114 (copy attached), now provides that, beginning in September 1988, graduates of two-year colleges within the State University of New York, when accepted with junior status within parallel programs at SUNY baccalaureate campuses, are to be granted full transfer credit for general education courses already taken and are not to be required to repeat successfully-completed courses with similar curricular content. The policy also provides that, as far as possible, transfer students be treated in the same manner as continuing and returning students at the senior colleges with respect to academic services and accommodations.

For some campuses, implementing this new policy will be a relatively simple matter. Others may find it necessary to make major modifications in some campus policies and procedures. I urge that, beginning this fall, you assess the impact of this policy change on the way your campus deals with transfer students who have completed degrees at the two-year colleges and make plans to carry out the Board's mandate so that necessary changes will be in place when the Fall 1988 semester begins. This resolution originated with the University Faculty Senate and the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, and it is anticipated that campus faculty will be supportive of these changes and helpful in carrying them out.

A brief report describing how each campus will implement this resolution will be requested by this office at the end of the 1987-88 academic year. If you have any questions regarding this resolution, please do not hesitate to call me.


Sherry H. Penney

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This memorandum addressed to:

Presidents, State-operated Campuses
Presidents, Community Colleges
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Resolution #87-114

M E M O R A N D U M

June 24, 1987

To: The Board of Trustees
From: Jerome B. Komisar, Acting Chancellor *JBK*
Subject: Transfer and Articulation Policy

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

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

Whereas by Resolution 80-53, adopted March 26, 1980, this Board extended its transfer policy to provide that graduates of two-year colleges within the State University of New York, when accepted in parallel programs at baccalaureate campuses of the University, be accorded full junior status and given the opportunity to complete the requirements of the bachelor's degree within the additional semesters of full-time work required of continuing and returning students; and

Whereas this Board now wishes to reaffirm and strengthen its commitment to upper-division access for graduates of State University of New York two-year institutions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that beginning with the fall semester of 1988, graduates of two-year colleges within State University of New York, when accepted with junior status within parallel programs at baccalaureate campuses of the University, will be granted full transfer credit for general education courses taken and will not be required to repeat successfully completed courses with similar curricular content; and, be it further

Resolved that only those admission requirements to institutions or to particular programs applicable to continuing and returning students shall be applied to such transfer students; and, be it further

Resolved that such transfer students shall be accorded, as far as possible, opportunities in areas such as housing, advisement and registration comparable to those accorded to continuing and returning students; and, be it further

Resolved that the Chancellor, or designee, be, and hereby is, authorized to take steps necessary to assure that the campuses establish appropriate administrative and academic procedures beginning with the fall semester of 1988 to ensure implementation of this policy.

Background

On November 29, 1972 the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York adopted a transfer policy guaranteeing a New York State resident graduating from a State University of New York two-year college with an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree an opportunity to continue his or her education on a full-time basis at a senior campus. The Board also expressed its intention that the guarantee be extended as rapidly as appropriate to every such graduate with an Associate in Applied Science degree.

On March 26, 1980, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution reaffirming the 1972 action and strengthening that policy. The 1980 resolution provided that graduates of two-year colleges within State University of New York, when accepted in parallel programs at baccalaureate campuses of the University, would be accorded full junior standing and would be given the opportunity to complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree within four additional semesters of full-time work. The principal effect of the 1980 resolution was to improve integration of program majors, allowing students to take appropriate lower division components in a field or discipline at a two-year institution and to then transfer to another University campus, completing their baccalaureate program with two additional years of academic work.

The 1980 policy has greatly facilitated student transfers between two and four year institutions of State University with regard to program majors. Obstacles to transfer have arisen,

however, with respect to general education requirements and admission criteria. The proposed resolution seeks to assure the transfer of credit for general education courses and for courses outside the major, as well as those within the major. This resolution expresses the intent of the Board that transfer students not be required to repeat courses with essentially the same content, objectives and outcomes, and not be asked to meet more stringent requirements for entry to upper-division majors than are required of students who began their education at the four-year institution.

This proposal was the subject of a joint resolution adopted by the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Council of Community Colleges in 1986. The proposal also has the support of the Council of Presidents, the Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, the Chancellor's Committee on Transfer and Articulation and the Offices of Academic Programs and Community Colleges.