

April 28, 2011

Chancellor Matthew Goldstein
The City University of New York
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Dear Chancellor Goldstein,

The Faculty Senate of John Jay College of Criminal Justice today adopted a motion to endorse the two Resolutions of the University Faculty Senate, which had been adopted by that body on April 12, 2011. The vote of the John Jay Faculty Senate was unanimous.

The two Resolutions are as follows:

RESOLUTION #1 ON GENERAL EDUCATION

The University Faculty Senate strongly recommends in order to preserve the richness of general education that the general education requirements at the undergraduate colleges of CUNY be composed of 30 credits plus at least an additional 16 credits to be resolved by the appropriate curriculum committees of the colleges, rather than the proposal in the Draft Resolution of 36 + 6.

RESOLUTION #2 ON TRANSFER

The University Faculty Senate strongly recommends ON TRANSFER that:

1. For externally accredited programs (e.g., nursing, engineering) and other high-credit majors, clear cut University-wide course requirements be developed to ensure student success in the transfer process.
2. An appeals committee be created by the UFS and the OAA to decide on requests from colleges for waivers.
3. Curricular counseling for students be extensively improved.

ON TRANSFER PROCESSES:

1. Improved technologies
 - linkage of college catalogs
 - TIPPS for program to program
 - transcripts available electronically to advising faculty
2. Clarify to students that A.A.S. degrees are not designed for transfer to four year colleges, and that to transfer they will have to take additional courses to satisfy more intensive general education requirements.

3. Discipline Councils - Funding to support periodic meetings of Discipline Councils which would work to create a mutual understanding of course content and outcomes in their areas to facilitate the transfer process.

4. Any University-wide curriculum committees or task forces that are created shall consist of at least one faculty representative from each CUNY unit elected by each college's faculty governance body or by the college's faculty. The committee will establish mechanisms to include student consultation before making final recommendations.

5. Articulation agreements must be elaborated for as many majors as possible. Faculty at colleges with significant transfers between any two colleges (e.g., BCC and Lehman) should work out detailed agreements on the most common programs.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss the action of the John Jay Faculty Senate.

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen Kaplowitz
President, Faculty Senate

cc. Vice Chancellor Lexa Logue
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